

WEATHER SYNOPSIS
An ocean storm is moving on the coast, and high winds may prevail in the straits and Sound. The weather is mild in southern Alberta, and cold eastward to Manitoba.

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Alleged "Big Cheese" Gives His Evidence

Mr. W. T. McArthur Denies Caring Nothing for Cabinet Ministers or "Running" Vancouver Licences

Interest Was "Purely Political," He Says

Men of High Standing Only Selected, So That Government would Not Be Embarrassed or Discredited

DIRECT denial of the statement made by Mr. Jack Shannon last week that he had been in the cabinet in Victoria, and that he was running things in Vancouver as far as beer licences were concerned, was made by Mr. W. T. McArthur before the Public Accounts Committee of the Legislature yesterday.

His interest in the matter, he stated was "purely political," as he was concerned only in seeing that men of high standing were given licences, in order that the Government would not be embarrassed by having licences granted to those who might not conform to the laws and thus bring discredit on the Liberal administration.

Under examination by Major H. J. Burde, Mr. McArthur gave his version of the interview Mr. Shannon had with him about the licence for the Palace Hotel.

Two Licences Asked
"He had been calling to see me for many years," he said. "The Palace Hotel had been divided into two parts and there were two applicants, Mr. Shannon and his friend from Revelstoke, for a licence of the one part, and Jones and Dixon for the licence for the other part. I explained that it would be impossible, and that common sense should show him that they could not get licences under such conditions. They might arrange the matter by getting the building made over."

Major Burde: "He said he had four cabinet ministers favoring his application, and that you replied that you were running Vancouver and did not care a — for cabinet ministers."

Witness: "That is absolutely untrue. I said that if what he said was true."

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Cabinet Efforts Fail in Germany

President Abandons Attempts for Time Being to Form Coalition Government

BERLIN, Dec. 17.—President von Hindenburg's efforts to establish a truce among the German political parties by the formation of a coalition government, have foundered upon the refusal of the Radicals to identify themselves with a cabinet which includes Dr. Stresemann's People's Party.

Resuming his negotiations today, Dr. Erich Koch, who has been chosen for the chancellorship, was informed by Hermann Mueller, the Socialist leader, that his party could not join in the proposed cabinet, which includes Dr. Koch immediately notified President von Hindenburg of his inability to form the desired ministry. As the Reichstag opens on the holidays today until January 1, the President temporarily is expected to discontinue his quest for a parliamentary government to renew the parleys for the "big coalition."

Speculators Get Hold Of French Rubber Areas

PARIS, Dec. 17.—Speculators in raw rubber lands are rapidly gaining control of the potential source of wealth of Indo-China. Deputy Guerin warned the Chamber of Deputies today. A short time ago he pointed out, rubber land was only forty cents an acre, while the price now is \$2.50.

From the
Colonist Tower

Friday, December 18
352nd Day, 1925

THE WEATHER
Victoria and vicinity—Fresh to strong easterly winds, mild with occasional rain.

Sun Rises: 8:01 o'clock.
Sun Sets: 4:19 o'clock.
High Tide: 2:34 p.m., 9.5 feet.
Low Tide: 11:28 p.m., 0.8 foot.

Deep Sea Shipping

Arrival—
St. Empress of Australia, Yokohama, 5 a.m.

Departure—
St. London Merchant, United Kingdom, 7 a.m.

*The News

Local and Provincial—
Alleged "Big Cheese" denies he "ran" Vancouver in regard to beer licences.
Government moved from second defeat in one day by vote of the Speaker.
Immigration, Imperial and Foreign—
Manitoba police organize hunt for Winnipeg bandit trio.
Col. Mitchell, U.S. air critic, suspended five years from army for criticism of government policies.
Two Fascist plotters against life of German Foreign Minister believed to be madmen.
Japanese troops take possession of Manchurian capital to protect foreigners and consulates.

Two Stresemann Plotters Believed to Be Lunatics



DR. STRESEMANN

Prairie Police Organize Search For Bandit Trio

Manitoba Forces Join in Hunt for Armed Robbers—\$15,000 Stolen From Liquor Board Cashier

WINNIPEG, Dec. 17.—The Winnipeg and Provincial police have joined in an organized hunt for three armed bandits who held up Thomas Nuttall, cashier of the Manitoba Liquor Commission, today and carried with a satchel containing approximately \$15,000. The police have a thorough description of the robbers.

The hold-up was staged shortly before noon, as the cashier was about to enter an automobile which had been commissioned to take him to the bank with the previous day's revenue. As he opened the door of the car he was approached by a man, who ordered him to hand over the bag, and at the same time Nuttall was felled by a blow on the side of the head with a lead pipe.

An accomplice meanwhile covered the chauffeur and office boy of the Liquor Commission, who were seated in the car. With the money bag in their possession the bandits raced across the street, where a third man was waiting to whisk them away in an automobile.

Recovering from the stunning blow, Nuttall opened fire upon the fleeing thugs, but the bullets went wild. The robbers returned the fire, also without effect. It was later disclosed that the bandit car had been stolen.

Old Gang Suspected
The loot obtained by the robbers consisted of \$13,000 in currency and nearly \$2,000 in cheques.

Familiarity with the banking habits of the Liquor Commission, and the manner in which the robbery was planned and executed, has strengthened the theory that the trio was the same gang that held up the manager of the Winnipeg Electric Company last August. In this daylight robbery gunmen made a successful getaway with a \$15,000 payroll.

City police late tonight recovered the car in which the bandits made their escape. It was found in the rear of a house in the west end. The windshield of the car was shattered, apparently by one of the bullets fired by the cashier. No clues were found in the car.

Old University Honors Cancer Research Expert

LONDON, Dec. 17.—Dr. William Gye, the cancer research expert, has been awarded the annual fellowship established by London University for the graduate of that institution who has done the best work in the field of medical science in the last five years. The fellowship carries a stipend of about \$1,500.

Will Continue Friendly

GENEVA, Dec. 17.—"Our relations with England will continue to be friendly." This was almost the last remark made by Tewfik Ruzbeh, Turkish foreign minister, before boarding his train last night to return to Ankara.

Government Saved From Defeat By Vote of Hon. the Speaker

Double Predicament Experienced—Afternoon Sees Defeat Inflicted—Evening Averts Similar Disaster by Majority of One as Counted by Attorney-General

IT is doubtful whether the present Government has during its career, been in such a predicament as that in which it found itself during Thursday afternoon and evening—in the afternoon when it was defeated and was in a minority of one, and in the evening when it was saved from defeat by the vote of the Speaker.

The issue before the House was the same on both occasions. True, it was not a vital measure, nor did it emanate from the Government, but the measure that ensued have no parallel at least in recent years in the Legislature.

It was a poignant sight for members of the opposition to observe their political opponents hordes de combat in the afternoon, with the Liberal chairman of committee, the Independent, Provincial and Labor members, who have consistently kept them in power, all arrayed against the Oliver administration.

Pair Held in Germany Former Asylum Inmates—Assassination of Minister on Street Planned

BERLIN, Dec. 17.—Karl Kaldorf and Werner Lorenz today were formally charged with plotting the assassination of Foreign Minister Stresemann. The men, alleged to be connected with a German Fascist organization, were arrested yesterday.

Governmental circles minimize the incident, pointing out that investigation has shown that the two men have been confined in insane asylums. Kaldorf, the authorities say, planned to wait in an automobile with Lorenz before the Foreign Office until Stresemann left in his car, and then drive alongside and shoot him. They needed another man to drive the car. When that man was approached he informed the police.

Turkish Cabinet Meets

CONSTANTINOPLE, Dec. 17.—Upon receipt of the League of Nations decision in the Turkish-British dispute over Mosul, the Turkish cabinet at Ankara was immediately called into session by President Mustafa Kemal.

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Premier Oliver agreed with the sentiment of the amendment, but when a vote was called he was the only member in the House to record his support. Mr. Davis explained that he had presented the amendment at the request of Esquimalt interests.

League Invitation Reaches America

Co-operation of All Nations Is Necessary to Solve Disarmament Problem

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Ulster Constables Receive Ultimatum

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The members of the constabulary made it known today that they were appointing four men from each platoon to meet Inspector-General Sir Charles Wickham tomorrow in Londonderry, but that they would insist upon Sir Charles being accompanied by a member of the Ulster cabinet with power to make a binding agreement.

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People Should Be Consulted On P.G.E. Plan

Rushing Through of Legislation to Transfer Huge Tract Is Condemned by Speakers as Ill-Advised

Vast Land Grants Heritage of Public

Mackenzie and Victoria Members Attack Government's Railway Bill—Proposals Important

THAT the people of the Province should be consulted in regard to the proposed land grants to the P.G.E., was the strong contention of Mr. Michael Mackenzie, member for Mackenzie, at yesterday afternoon's session of the Legislature. Mr. J. Hinchliffe, Victoria, was equally firm in supporting the views of Mr. Mackenzie in advocating proper delay in considering the whole matter and consultation with the people of the Province.

Mr. Michael Mackenzie (Mackenzie) opened the debate with a demand that in a matter of such immense importance the people of the Province should be consulted. He pointed out that when the original guarantee of the P.G.E. was given the sanction of the public was sought and obtained. Conditions had changed, and the will of the citizens had not been ascertained. "I am of the opinion that the people should be consulted," he declared. "We are asked to vote away, in the last days of the session, not only land which can conservatively be estimated at between \$50,000,000 and \$100,000,000, but to sanction other departures, including the possible transfer of the Peace River country."

While personally he was favorable to any reasonable plan for giving access to direct communication with the Peace River country, continued the speaker, he was not prepared to have such a tremendous land grant rushed through the Legislature in the few days that remained before Christmas, and especially when no opportunity was given to the members to consult their constituents or obtain the assent of the country on the proposal.

Assistance Unlikely
He did not think there was any chance for the Government to obtain any assistance from the Dominion, especially in view of the uncertainty that existed there at the present time in respect to which party was in control.

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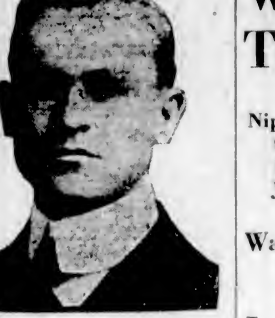
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To Represent Canada At Warsaw Gathering



DR. W. A. RIDDELL

Canadian advisory officer at Geneva has been appointed to represent the Minister of Labor at the meeting of the governing body of the International Labor Office in Warsaw, Poland, on January 24.

Six Last-Minute Bills Come Down Upon Members

Opposition Leader Protests as Cabinet Ministers Bring Down Deluge of Related Legislation

Protests against what he termed an attempt to railroad legislation through the House were voiced today during the afternoon session yesterday by Mr. J. H. "Polly" Power, Conservative leader. The first objection was raised when, entering the Legislature a few minutes after 2 o'clock, he found that the Government had already called two measures and advanced them a stage.

The second and more vigorous protest followed the introduction of six bills within the record space of a quarter of an hour just before the adjournment of the afternoon sitting. These were the Ruma Reclamation Bill, the United Church of Canada Bill, a bill to amend the B.C. University Act, an amendment to the Land Settlement Act, an amendment to the "Real Estate Agents" Licensing Act, and an amendment to the Sheep Protection Act.

The Opposition Leader declared that the deluge of legislation toward the end of the session was just another evidence of the manner in which the Government was trying to rush through matters of public importance in a storm of bills. There were extremely big issues to be decided, such as the P.G.E., and yet with the Christmas holidays approaching the Government rushed in half a dozen bills without warning. This could only mean that legislation would not be properly considered. He declared that as far as he could see the House would not progress before Christmas.

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Babson Chart Shows Canada on Up Grade

Business Shows Decided Rise Above Normal for First Time in Five Years

OTTAWA, Dec. 17.—For the first time in five years the Babson chart of business conditions is registering a decided rise above the normal line as regards Canadian business, declared Ralph Wilson, vice-president of the Babson statistical organization, a corporation known throughout the world for its financial and trade analysis, when interviewed here today.

"This improvement is due to an increase in most of the barometers which combine to form the business index," Mr. Wilson said. "Your excellent crops and satisfactory market conditions are very significant of better times. It will be felt throughout the Dominion."

Two Canadian Railways Show Increased Earnings

MONTREAL, Dec. 17.—Gross earnings for the Canadian National Railway for the week ended December 14 were \$5,497,953, as compared with \$4,649,744 over the same period of 1924, an increase of \$848,199, or 19 per cent.

C.P.R. earnings for the week ended December 14 were \$4,546,000, an increase of \$1,039,000.

Empress of Australia Proceeds Past City to Mainland Port

Much Tonnage, Wind and Sea Conspire to Prevent C.P.R. Liner From Orient Disembarking Passengers—Steamer Many Hours Overdue in Vancouver

THE liner Empress of Australia has joined the category of ships which pass in the night. Arriving yesterday from the Orient, the steamer found the Outer Wharves congested with shipping, a troublesome condition, and a treacherous wind. After taking up an anchorage she eventually proceeded past the port to Vancouver during the night.

Urgency was imperative from the fact that transcontinental travelers had to keep rail and steamer schedules in order to make connection at St. John with Atlantic sailings for the New Year. There was also

Japan Enters Mukden; Warring China Factions Told to Keep Distance

Nippon Troops Take Possession of Manchurian Capital at Request of Foreign Consuls—Marshal Chang's Protests Ignored—Hostilities Near City or Near Japanese Railway Forbidden by Tokio

War Lord Told He May Return to City Only If Victorious Against Enemies

LONDON, Dec. 17.—The Daily Mail announces that Japanese troops have reoccupied Mukden. The Mail's information comes from its Tokyo correspondent, who announced that the Japanese troops took possession of Mukden Wednesday, notwithstanding the indignant protests of Chang Tso-Lin.

A later dispatch to The Mail says:

"The city was virtually taken over by the Japanese under an order that forbids the entry of any armed force."

The order also prohibits any hostilities within six miles of the Japanese railway from Chang Chun to Dalian, a distance of about 500 miles. The railway passes Mukden at a distance of about three miles.

The Japanese action is sequel to the request of the foreign consuls, renewed on Monday, that Japan protect her nationals and the consulates at Mukden.

One Fires in Air, Other Not At All, In Parisian Duel

PARIS, Dec. 17.—The latest Parisian "affair of honor," in which Francois Richepin and Pierre Brisson, dramatic critic of The Temps, were the principals, ended on the field of combat today without bloodshed or reconciliation.

Brisson fired two shots in the air, while Richepin stood steadily as a target to defend his mother's illustrious honor, refusing to fire.

The duel followed an attack on Brisson in the lobby of the Odeon Theatre, Richepin taking exception to a criticism of the performance of his mother, Mme. Cora La Parerie, in the principal role of a new piece written by her husband, Jacques Richepin.

Aviation Critic Exiled 5 Years From U.S. Army

Col. Mitchell, Found Guilty by Court-Martial, Suspended—Punished for Attacks on Air Policies

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—Found guilty by a general court-martial of having broken discipline by his attacks on aviation policies, Colonel William Mitchell today was sentenced to five years' suspension from the army. The sentence must be approved by President Coolidge to become effective, and meantime the air officer will remain technically under arrest.

The colonel was found guilty of all of the eight specifications against him. The verdict was returned at 4:34 p.m. The court had taken the case under consideration at 1:40 p.m. By sustaining all of the charges, the court adjudged the accused guilty of conduct prejudicial to good order and military discipline, insubordination and utterances contemptuous to the War and Navy departments.

In pronouncing sentence Major-General Howze, president of the court, said that he and his colleagues had taken into consideration Colonel Mitchell's war record and the sentence, for that reason, had been made "lenient."

Debt Pact Adopted By Italian Chamber

Agreement With United States Approved—No Secret Accord, Says Minister

ROME, Dec. 17.—The Chamber of Deputies this evening approved by acclamation the Washington agreement for the settlement of Italy's war debt to the United States.

Count Volpi, Minister of Finance, who headed the Italian delegation to Washington, said that the debt to the United States was undisputed. It was represented by certificates signed by the men in power during the war, containing precise figures with interest.

"We could only arrange with the creditors," said Count Volpi, "that Italy receive the same treatment as England—a reduction in interest and the distribution of the principal over sixty-two years."

The Minister concluded by emphatically denying the existence of any secret accord. The only accord was that presented to the Chamber which permitted America and Italy to proceed separately, or united if necessary, for the conquest of our future life."

Irak Mandate May Not Be Necessary 25 Years Says Premier Baldwin

LONDON, Dec. 17.—Prime Minister Baldwin, in a statement in the House of Commons today regarding the League's decision on Mosul, said the Government believed that if Great Britain took the mandate for Irak it would expire far short of the maximum of twenty-five years specified.

"The assumption of this responsibility," said the Premier, "does not involve the responsibility to spend money or to keep troops in Irak even for the maintenance of internal order or for its defence against external aggression, but merely to insure our co-operation and advice in maintaining a stable system of government."

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No Trouble on Water Rates, Is Belief of Mayor

City's Executive Thinks
Amicable Settlement Will
Be Made Without Resort-
ing to Arbitration

Gratification Is Expressed

That an amicable settlement can
be made without resorting to arbitra-
tion, when the time comes for Victo-
ria to fix water rates for Saanich
and Oak Bay, is the belief of Mayor
Pendray, who expressed to The
Colonist last night his gratification at
the manner in which the representa-
tives of the City of Victoria had
been received and were progressing
in the Provincial Legislature.

Mayor Pendray's statement on the
water question, is as follows:

"I am pleased to see that the re-
commendations of the Private Bills
Committee of the Provincial Legisla-
ture on the Esquimalt Waterworks
project have so far all been adopted;
also that the Attorney-General has
taken the attitude from the fact that
I was re-elected to the Mayor's chair
by acclamation, that there is appar-
ently no serious opposition to my ac-
tion in expropriating the waterworks
without submitting the issue to the
people."

"I have been of the opinion, and
still am, that the acquisition of this
company by the City of Victoria will
prove a valuable asset to the city."

"The bill is now drafted, and, in
my opinion, it is as fair as possible to
make it, not only to the City of Vic-
toria, but also to the adjacent munici-
palities."

"I feel quite sure that when the
time comes to fix the water rates for
Saanich and Oak Bay, an amicable
settlement can be reached without
going to arbitration, as provided for
in the bill."

"In regard to Esquimalt, I will do
my best to encourage industries to
come to that municipality and Vic-
toria City, and I am sure that Vic-
toria City will give the assistance to
manufacturing concerns which com-
mence operations in Esquimalt. We
must remember that the more indus-
tries Esquimalt secures, the more
prosperous will Victoria become.
Esquimalt will get fair treatment in
water matters."

Alleged "Big Cheese" Gives His Evidence

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true, the Ministers apparently did not
know the conditions under which
licences were granted in Vancouver."

Mr. H. J. Pooley: Are you a mem-
ber of the Greek Club?

Witness indignantly: "No, and
that is not a fair question. I am not
a member of any club except a
Laurier Club."

"I Would Boost His Case"
"I am an active member of the
Liberal Association in Vancouver,"
continued Mr. McArthur, "and if one
of my friends applied for a licence
and I knew him to be a man and be
proper person to hold a licence, I
would boost his case, but I never saw
a Cabinet Minister about a licence in
my life."

Mr. Twigg: "What about would
you give?"

Witness: "No more than any other
citizen. For years I was Police Com-
missioner and I think my word would
be taken. I would consider it would
be weight with the commissioner."

Mr. Twigg: "Give us a case; there
are only six licences in Vancouver?"

Witness: "I would not say that I
could specify any case."

Mr. Twigg: "The Commercial, the
Hitz, the Pender?"

Witness: "No. But suppose we
say the Austin Hotel. They were not
going to give a licence on account
of him being a Conservative. I
thought that it was a very good hotel
and he got the licence. There are
as many 'conservative' licences in
Vancouver as Liberal."

Chairman Ian Mackenzie: "I don't
know them."

Witness: "Then there is the case of the
Canada Hotel," continued the wit-
ness. "Mr. W. A. Clark was the li-
censee at the time. I was anxious to
see the licence properly adminis-
tered as it would bring discredit on
the Government if it was not carried
out properly."

Mr. Twigg: "Just like a good citi-
zen of Vancouver?"

Mr. McArthur: "Absolutely. I did
not wish anything to rebound on my
party."

Mr. Twigg: "It was purely politi-
cal?"

Mr. McArthur: "Absolutely."

Mr. Twigg: "Was Clark ever in
Vernon?"

Witness: "Yes."

Witness: "Was he charged with boot-
legging?"

Witness: "That is a very common
offence."

Continuing, witness said he under-
stood that Mr. McArthur, who had
given evidence at a previous hearing,
had been charged with bootlegging.

Mr. Twigg: "You would not regard
bootlegging as a common offence?"

Witness: "No. Money."

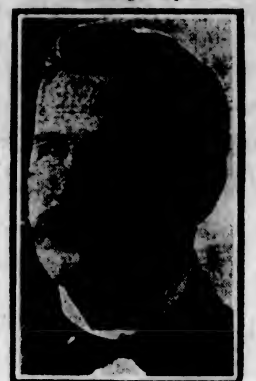
The witness retorted that it was a
common offence.

Continuing, Mr. McArthur declared
that he had absolutely no personal
interest in any beer licence. That he
had never received a "single five-cent
piece" for the use of his influence in
securing a licence, and that to the
best of his knowledge, the Liberal
Party funds had received no contri-
butions from such sources.

"You are getting a lot of desirable
newspaper publicity over this mat-
ter," retorted Mr. McArthur in reply
to a question by Mr. R. H. Pooley,
Conservative leader.

"All right," replied Mr. Pooley.
"Don't pull that stuff across me."
Mr. McArthur will again be on the
stand when the committee convenes
on Friday morning.

Member Will Not Undergo Operation



MR. J. K. FLEMMING

Seriously ill for the past few weeks,
former Premier of New Brunswick,
will not undergo an immediate opera-
tion, but will take treatment and en-
deavor to be in his seat as member
for Carleton-Victoria when the ses-
sion of Parliament opens at Ottawa
on January 7.

Lumber Workers Driven From Island By Low Wage Paid

LUMBER workers have "left
and are leaving Vancouver
Island in large numbers and
settling in Port Angeles and
Bellingham, to take advantage
of the higher wages paid there,"
said Hon. T. G. Coventry, Con-
servative member for Saanich,
in the Legislature Thursday
afternoon.

The minimum wage in the
two places named was fifty cents
an hour, compared with thirty-
five cents an hour in the local
industry. Some of the men
were, he said, keeping two
houses going; others had settled
in Port Angeles, which was
practically peopled by lumber
men from Vancouver Island.

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on Friday morning.

Immature Beer Bottled
Mr. James Fairall, a brewer with
many years experience, and formerly
operator of a brewery in this city, was
the chief witness at the morning ses-
sion of the committee. He was ex-
tremely critical of the beer being
sold in British Columbia at the present
time, stating that in his opinion,
although he had no definite first hand
information, "there is not a beer here
you can keep for any length of time
without it clouding." This, he ex-
plained, was because the beer was
bottled when it was immature.

Witness explained in detail the
various methods of manufacturing
beer and ales. "What they are sell-
ing here for ale, he said, is 'Imma-
ture' beer hopped down." This
was done, he declared, by adding
green hops.

Questioned by members of the
committee, and by Mr. C. F. Davis,
(Cowichan-Newcastle), who moved in
the House for the investigation of the
manufacture of beer, the witness
stated that resin was used in the
"pitching of casks." This was for the
purpose of keeping the beer away
from the wood. He did not think
that the small amount of resin that
might be dissolved by the alcohol in
the beer would injuriously affect the
human system. He also stated that
there was a certain amount of resin
in beer as a result of the resin from
the hops.

Brewery Here Planned
Chairman Ian Mackenzie asked if
witness had ever been employed by
any of the brewers of the Amiga-
mated Agency, and he replied in the
negative. He explained that he was
formerly director of the Esquimalt
Brewery, specializing in ales. In
answer to further questions, he
stated that he had applied to the
Liquor Control Board asking if he
would be given any business if he
started the manufacturing of ale and
stout of a superior quality. The
answer, he said, was "short and
sweet," and to the effect that the
Government was not interested in the
manufacture of beverages. He was
prepared to erect a brewery if he was
assured of having the Government
buy his wares. He had plans all pre-
pared for the brewery.

He had, he said, gone to the Inland
Revenue Department Branch in Vic-
toria, and had asked if he could ob-
tain a licence and that he had been
told that he only needed to pay his
\$10 to secure one. The next day he
had been told that a wire was re-
ceived from Ottawa that prevented
the issuance of any new licences or
replacement of any old ones.

Resin Causes "Big Stomachs"
In response to questions by Major
Burde, the witness said the so called
"old ale," although not what it pur-
ported to be, was not particularly in-
jurious, but that bottled lager beer
he would not personally make a habit
of drinking. He could not speak of
the draft beer as he had not taken
any of it since it had been put on
sale in the Government stores. He
did not think that there was suffi-
cient resin in the beer being sold to
be very harmful, although resin in
beer resulted in giving habitual users
of it "big stomachs."

Questioned respecting the presence
of arsenic in the beer, witness said
there was arsenic in food except car-
rots and rice. A certain amount of it
was beneficial to the human system,
and he did not think that Canadian
beers made from Canadian malts
contained any arsenic in sufficient
quantities to be harmful.

One Pint Costs One Cent
In answer to Mr. Davis, witness
stated that at the time the price of
beer had been increased to the
brewers the cost of the ingredients
for one pint of beer was less than one
cent.

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council, died at noon today at his

home, aged eighty-one. He was
known as the father of Masonry in
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turing Company suffered a loss of \$7,000
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fered several thousand dollars loss to
stock, mostly by water.

Sydney Mayor Fears Lynch Law's Advent

Criticizes Magistrate's Suspended
Sentence in Case of Confessed
Thief and Fears Outcome

SYDNEY, N.S., Dec. 17.—To what
extent Mayor McConnell and the city
Police Commission may interfere
with or criticize decisions of the city
magistrate in police court cases in-
volving infractions of the criminal
code and how far a magistrate may
go in suspending sentence of convicted
offenders, are the questions arising
from the action of City Magistrate F.
C. Muggan, who imposed a two-year
suspended sentence under bond of
\$250 on John Rudderham, who pleaded
guilty to theft.

The Mayor at a meeting of the
Police Commission, criticized the
practice of suspending sentence of
persons convicted of crime. He
stated that if it were to continue, the
time would come when the people
would have to revert to "lynch law"
methods in order to combat crime.
He suggested that the commission ap-
peal in the Attorney-General of the
province with a request that the case
be investigated.

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dren playing with the good things
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stockings and the luscious odor of
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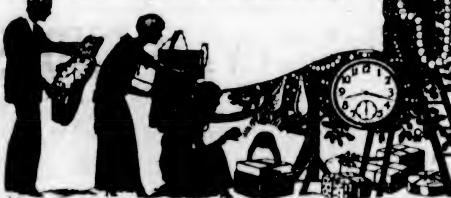
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Yukon Official Returns Show Black Returned

OTTAWA, Dec. 17.—Official election returns from the Yukon, the most northern constituency in Canada, have now been received by Col. O. M. Biggar, chief electoral officer, showing the election of George Black, Conservative. Mr. Black's election will be gazetted in tomorrow's issue of The Canada Gazette.

Minimum Wage Bill for Lumber Industry Argued

Only Few Mills Responsible for Need of Such Legislation, Says Member Representing Manufacturers

Amendment Is Introduced

The Legislature took a lively interest yesterday afternoon in the Minimum Wage Bill for the lumber industry introduced by Major R. J. Burde, Independent. An amendment was placed on the order paper, seeking to include the fruit and vegetable packing and canning industries in the order of the measure. The employment of Orientals in the lumber industry generally was the subject of sharp commentary by some of the speakers, who were generally averse to the proposal contemplated by Major Burde, that the bill be confined to the lumber industry exclusively.

Major Burde explained that the bill was surrounded by difficulties. He had learned, on consulting officials since the adjournment, that there was a prospect of the whole question of the minimum wage being reviewed shortly, and of possible amending legislation, affecting all industries, being brought down in the next session. He urged, however, that the Board of Adjustment, in its investigation into the lumber industry, would secure valuable information regarding it that would be useful in connection with its inquiry into industry generally.

Col. Cy. Peck, Conservative (The Islands) opposed the bill in a few words, saying that he considered it unfair to single out one industry for minimum wage legislation. Mr. A. Cochrane, Conservative (North Okanagan) agreed with this view. Hon. T. G. Coventry, Conservative (Hastings) supported the bill.

Large Increase Shown

Mr. C. McTear, Liberal (Vancouver) said he was speaking on behalf of the lumber manufacturers when he said that the majority of them were paying a fair wage, and only a few of them were responsible for the need for such legislation as was brought down. There were only ten per cent of the number of mills operating now that were operating in British Columbia fifteen or twenty years ago. With reference to the Oriental in the industry, he said that the difficulty about his employment existed chiefly in the lumber yards.

In Victoria, only about 300 or 400 Orientals were employed in lumber mills. Sawyers were now getting \$1.50 an hour, and \$1.25 an hour, which was an increase of 115 per cent from the wage paid ten years ago. That was a fair comparison with any other industry. There would always be a floating population in the industry. Conditions in this province to those that prevailed in the State of Washington. There, the employees started in the industry, and built their homes there, whereas in British Columbia, operations extended as far as 2,000 miles to the north, and men left the industry when their term of employment was finished.

"The lumber manufacturers are willing," said Mr. McTear, "that the industry should be manned only by white labor, and they wished to keep it free from an influx of Orientals."

Bill Supported

Brig.-Gen. Odium, Liberal (Vancouver, said employers in other industries and the last speaker would be staggered at the wages now paid in the printing industry, in which he was an employer. Despite the high wage, the industry was making good progress, and a very good class of employee was being attracted to it. "I support the bill," he said, "because the lumber industry is one in which Orientals are largely employed, and any movement for the reduction of their numbers in our industry is worthy of support."

Mr. R. H. Bruhn, Conservative (Salmon Arm), stated that he was absolutely in favor of a minimum wage and could see no danger in such a bill if carried out under a just and fair board willing to judge the merits on its merits both as regards industries and the workman. He saw no reason, however, why the lumbering industry should be singled out, but he advised that farm labor and fruit-pickers and fruit-packers and cannery should be excluded.

Minimum Wage Favored

Captain Ian Mackenzie, Liberal (Vancouver City) said he had figures from a large mill in Vancouver in which the wages paid were very satisfactory. The minimum wage was thirty-seven and one-half cents, regardless of color. It employed three Japanese families, two Chinese and three Hindus (who averaged forty-eight cents an hour). He was pleased to support the bill, which provided for an examination of the industry by the Board of Adjustment.

Mrs. M. E. Smith (Vancouver) said that when she supported the eighth legislation last year, employers who had been friendly to her passed on in the street. As a result of the minimum wage for girls and women they were better fed, clothed, and looked after now than they were before.

Mr. A. E. Munn, Liberal (Lillooet) said he spoke as a lumber worker. He expressed himself in favor of the bill, but added that in the logging industry it was paid. He said he would support the bill, but he did not think the present bill would effect many lumber mills.

Mr. D. McPherson, Liberal (Grand Forks-Greenwood) said that the necessity for the bill arose from the fact that the lumber workers were not in the same good condition as the railwaymen and coal miners, who were organized.

Mr. C. F. Davis, Conservative (Cowichan-Newcastle) secured the adjournment of the debate.

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The Session

Peace Slumps on the Legislative Exchange—When Conjuror Oliver Produces Six Little Rabbits From His Magic Hat—Just When Everything Had Quietened Down—And Now Mr. Pooley's Worst Suspicions Are Confirmed—And It Is Going to Be a Terrible Job of Work—To Get Done Before Christmas

The Press Gallery, Thursday.

Peace and reconciliation, which had been decidedly active on the legislative exchange since the beginning of the week, slumped badly yesterday afternoon, when, just before the dinner hour adjournment, Premier Oliver brought down six new bills. The Hon. First Minister produced these six little strangers with all the confidence and the assurance of welcome of a conjuror producing six nice little rabbits from his magic hat. Instead of which—as the story books say—Mr. Pooley called the House and the world to witness that this was the last straw, and the final outrage, and something that almost amounted to a distinct annoyance.

The honorable first conjuror was obviously disappointed at the reception accorded to his nice little rabbits. The inference was it seemed, that the House would make nothing at all of digesting such a mere coffee and cheese affair as this last offering of sheep Act, or the act to implement certain farm arrangements of Church Union, and the act to placate the embattled farmers of Sumas? It was nothing at all between such friends as the maligned Government and the irreconcilable opposition. It seemed, in the Premier's view of it. But Mr. Pooley was sure it was more than that. Mr. Pooley found that this eleventh-hour emergence of legislation confirmed him in his worst suspicions that the Government was a miserable and unrepentant sinner.

The Government, in the persons of its misunderstood and martyred ministers, listened to all this with an air of much injured innocence as though accomplished character actors could assume. The real difficulty was to reconcile the late emergence of these six little contentious bills with the Government's recent assumption of entire lack of responsibility for eleventh-hour rush of business. The moment an unoffending Government has been able to see no sign at all upon the legislative horizon that the House would not be able to finish everything in this week and go home with a clear conscience to eat its Christmas dinner in the bosom of its family.

And now, here was Mr. Pooley, an embodied Nemesis, pointing the finger of scorn, denouncing the dilatoriness of the Government wounding afresh the broken heart of the Premier with his reminders that the opposition had been blamed for holding up the business of the House, and carrying criticism and capricious fault-finding and irreconcilable intransigence. If the House was late for its Christmas dinner now, estimated Mr. Pooley, the House would know whom to blame. It was Mr. Pooley's opportunity, and he profited by it. The House was left with the impression that Mr. Pooley would cheerfully forego Christmas dinner altogether. If only the country could be saved. As for the Premier, the House was left with the impression that Mr. Pooley would condemn that stoical statesman to a penitential diet of bread and water.

Nevertheless, hope of getting home for Christmas, of getting home to something more comfortable than bread and water, springs eternal in the human legislative breast. There was talk in the lobbies this afternoon of "finishing up and getting through." These are the consoling words of a doubtful legislation, certain definite shape, of probability begin to emerge, it is known that the opposition feels itself morally and politically obligated to oppose the passage of Bill No. 70 at this session. It is argued—and these arguments were presented today by Mr. Michael Manson, and Mr. Litchfield—that the House should not commit itself to the passage of this bill until time has been taken to sound public opinion. The Premier was invited to postpone the bill. And it is shrewdly suspected that the Premier is not unimpressed with the force and the justice of these arguments. If the Government can have peace with honor with the opposition on some such terms, if the bill can be put over until next session, if the House can be spared an interminable and probably inconclusive debate, if honorable members can be spared the necessity of coming back to an indefinite period of more inconclusive talk after Christmas—if these things can be accomplished, it is felt that the Premier will meet the opposition half way, and will not force the issue to the dubious decision of a party vote.

Meanwhile, the House moves expeditiously, if not merrily, to the task of clearing the order paper. The order paper, if it did not have to make quarters for those six little rabbits produced from the Premier's miraculous hat today, would already be but a shadow of its former self. All pending legislation—barring the six little strangers of today—is either down to the stage of third reading or has at least reached final consideration in the committee of the whole. One bill considered today, Major Burde's revised bill for a minimum wage in the lumber industry, was responsible for the baking of a notable silence. General Victor Odium, second member for Vancouver, remarking that his only serious rival for the prize of reticence of House of Commons would now be left undisturbed in that illustrious glory, said that his conscience would not let him keep silence on this bill. He was going to support the bill. He would not support it if he thought that it was to be confined for ever to the lumber industry. But regarding it as a beginning of useful social legislation, and especially having regard to its probable effect in the diminution of Oriental labor, he was going to support it. General Odium confirmed by the lucidity and the general competence of his speech the popular impression of him that

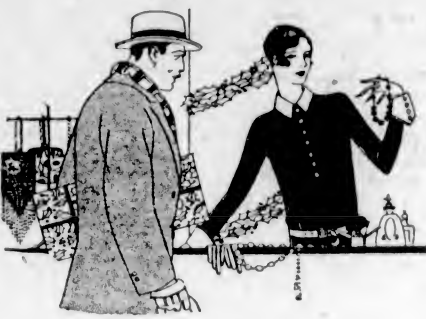
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THE PUBLIC DOMAIN

There is no logic and neither rhyme nor reason in the belief of Premier Oliver that the Government will be better able to handle the affairs of the Pacific Great Eastern Railway by endowing that company with an acreage of the public domain larger than Vancouver Island. Mr. Oliver makes a point of the fact that the land will not in reality change ownership, inasmuch as the railway is a provincial concern. That is quite true. It will not change ownership unless a sale is consummated, and in that case the buyers of the railway, provided they are willing to continue it to the eastern boundary of the Province, are to receive a bonus of over 25,000 square miles of land, which, at a very low estimate, is valued at \$80,000,000. With a grant of this value available as an inducement to purchase, what will be the price asked for the Pacific Great Eastern? Mr. Oliver has given the Legislature no information in this regard.

The endowment of land that it is proposed to give to the Pacific Great Eastern is to be exploited in the event of the Government being unable to negotiate a sale and it is to be exploited by the Government itself. The land could be exploited just as well without any transfer of the acreage into the name of the Pacific Great Eastern. The Government, if it has a settlement policy which will develop traffic for the railway, can implement that policy without any such conditions as are contained in Bill No. 70. It could have done so years ago if it had been so minded. The results believed that thereby good results would ensue. That it has not done so would indicate that the Government has little if any faith in the policy it proposes. Bill No. 70 savors of a political death bed repentance by the Premier, who is aware that his Government has failed to solve the puzzle of the P.G.E.

The truth of the matter is that the land endowment policy now devised and put forward for the specific reason that the Government may be given power to negotiate a sale of the railway, subject to approval by the Legislature. That sale, however, if consummated on the basis of what is proposed, would mean the alienation of over 25,000 square miles of the public domain. It would mean that land colonization schemes could be devised by which selected acreages might be disposed of at figures which would net the promoters not only their out-of-pocket expenses in buying the railway, but also a profit, and in the long run, the railway might never be completed as a colonization road, indeed, it were taken over by either the Canadian Pacific or the Canadian National. There is no indication whatever that either of these railways could be persuaded to purchase the system even with the inducement of a monster land grant, for both will naturally assume that if the Government has done nothing up to date with the land in question there must be too great an expenditure involved.

On the basis of Bill No. 70, if the Premier implements his promise to go ahead with the construction of the Pacific Great Eastern to the Peace River country, and to go ahead with the reconstruction of the present road, in the event of there being no sale, British Columbia will be faced with an expenditure of at least \$75,000,000. It will be faced with this expenditure without any assurance of positive results. It will be faced with a continuance of provincial ownership of a railway which will have a prospective debt of some \$125,000,000, (the \$75,000,000 for new construction and the \$50,000,000 constituting the present obligations). It will be faced, too, with heavy expenditures for the development of the lands in the endowment grant for colonization purposes. The implications of Bill No. 70 are far too serious for the Legislature to contemplate at this time. No step of such a sweeping character should be taken until the people are consulted. The Government which evolved this policy should be prepared to seek a mandate for its being put into effect.

GAME ADMINISTRATION

At the time the Provincial Government did away with the policy of carrying out game conservation, through the aid of game wardens especially appointed for the task, it was realized by sportsmen that a retrograde step had been taken. Now the Government proposes to go one step further and do away with the Game Conservation Board, hereafter leaving the whole administration of the game laws in the hands of the Provincial Police. It is hardly to be wondered at that the organized sportsmen in the Province are up in arms against the new policy. What the meaning of this policy is does not appear on the surface, but it may be assumed to be designed to strengthen

the grip of the Provincial Police, a purpose which has consistently marked the policies of the present Attorney-General.

It was bad enough when the appointment of game wardens as such were, in effect, cancelled, for it meant that the purposes of game conservation were left sometimes in the hands of those who knew little or nothing about the work. Even now, however, there is some sort of check exercised by the existence of a Game Conservation Board. With the abolition of that body the check will be gone and the administration of the game laws will, in reality be centred, in the hands of one individual who will exercise all authority in the premises. The abolition of the Game Conservation Board and the centring of all power in the hands of the Provincial Police should not be permitted without a determined and persevering resistance. What is proposed has, seemingly, been put forward without any consultation with the sporting interests affected. Those interests are naturally alarmed. They foresee the implications of such a policy. The public at large, warned in so many particulars, will be with them in their demand that no such legislation as will still further centre autocratic authority in the hands of one individual should be passed by the Legislature.

INDUSTRIAL TAXATION

Under the Act to Amend the Taxation Act now before the Legislature there is a new tax on industry and any such tax at this stage in British Columbia's development is to be deprecated. The decision is to put a tax of \$1.25 per ton on all fish-meal, fish-scrap, chicken feed and fertilizer, and a rate of one cent per gallon on all fish oil. The reason assigned for these taxes is that the fish reduction industry in the Province is on the increase and, therefore, it should be taxed. It is a naive reason, which disregards the assumption that such taxes may have the effect of retarding the development that has been taking place.

It is a moot point as to whether the new tax will apply to the whaling industry. Whales are not fish, and the amendment to the Act specifically alludes to the business of fish-reduction plants. The whaling industry has shown some signs of being a declining pursuit in the waters of British Columbia. It may still have many years to run, but those who know the industry believe that it is only a question of time before there is an exhaustion of the supply of the mammals in any particular locality. Supposing then that there is an actual decline in the supply going on all the time it may be assumed that if the latest tax is made to apply to the reduction of whales it will act as a further handicap on the industry which has been built up on the shores of British Columbia. Probably this aspect of the situation was never considered by the Minister of Finance. Whatever may be said on behalf of fish-reduction plants generally, and there is a strong argument against handicapping their progress by taxation, it would seem advisable to exempt the whaling industry from the operation of the new tax. Strictly speaking, whales do not come within the scope of fish-reduction plants and the present intention of taxation should have no meaning so far as that industry is concerned.

Publishers always appear to find a fruitful source of pleasure in dealing with Britain's so-called "decline." In the process they have a happy knack of ignoring facts. Mr. J. L. Garvin, writing in The Observer, has been commenting on the plaint of the Jeremiahs. He says: "If it is in truth supposed that Britain is not so great as she used to be, the answer is that she never was. If it is averred that she has no future, the answer is that she never had. In Elizabethan days, when all those glorious forces that led to the founding of English-speaking America were just beginning to work, an old chronicler like William Harrison protested that our day was visibly over. Before Armageddon, with our railway strikes, our suffragette struggles, our threats of Irish civil war, the same view was held. Germany believed it implicitly. If she had not, Armageddon would never have occurred. After it, we only relapsed into our old ways and observations into their old delusions. It became common talk in France, Germany and Italy alike that Britain was ceasing to be a 'Great Power,' and our commercial decline was announced, as so often before, but positively for the last time."

Sir Vincent Meredith, the President of the Bank of Montreal, in his address at the annual meeting of that institution, laid emphasis on the gravity of Canada's railway problem. We quote: "The statement is officially made that during the last five years the capital debt of these roads (Canadian National Railways) has been increased \$372,825,000, a staggeringly large amount when it is remembered that not one dollar of net revenue has yet been available towards these new interest charges. Some progress in earnings has, indeed, been made, but for every dollar thus gained there has been an offsetting liability in the shape of new capital obligations. I am persuaded that, of our national problems, none presses more urgently for solution upon Parliament than that of the railways."

Note and Comment

By R. B. D.

The Manchester Guardian says the Dean of St. Paul's is never merry when he hears sweet music. From what we have read about him we take the risk of saying that his Reverence of St. Paul's is hardly ever merry under any circumstances; that the cares and responsibilities of his high and sacred office and the unsettled religious, social and political conditions of the world today preclude the possibility of the mind of any thoughtful man seeking relief in merriment.

But although Dean Inge may not be merry when he hears sweet music, The Guardian is not justified in assuming that he does not like the sound of sweet music. The Dean may have given expression to his views about music immediately after listening to the music of a jazz band. We understand that jazz is tolerated in England, that there are jazz bands there, and we have been told that a night or two ago Englishmen, and even Germans, danced to the music of an American jazz band, the music being floated across the water upon aerial waves. If that is the kind of music that made the Dean sad, we do not wonder at his condition of mind—we do wonder that the Dean was not made mad.

The state of mind produced by strains of sweet music depends entirely upon the kind of music being played. Some kinds of music produce a state of tremendous mental exhilaration. If there is any music in your soul you will jump to your feet and join in the dance when you hear that kind of music. But the most entrancing music is the music that creates a pensive state of mind, that strikes responsive, tender chords in the heart, that produces visions of "old familiar faces," old scenes and old associations. Dickens, one of the greatest masters in the use of words, and a skillful appellant to the emotions, in one of his exhortations made a most beautiful reference to the effects of the strains of soft music gently rippling through the air in the twilight of a Summer's day.

It may be that the latter is the kind of music the Dean of St. Paul's prefers to listen to, and that listening to it makes him sad rather than merry. But that does not prove that the Dean has no music in his soul and that he does not derive pleasure in its most exquisite form from listening to music.

The Manchester Guardian states that the Archbishop of Canterbury, Dean Stanley, Pope, Byron, Scott, Johnson, Southey and a number of other illustrious persons, were quite destitute of knowledge of or admiration for music. The Guardian, which professes to be an exponent of Liberalism, although it is in some respects one of the most conservative newspapers in the world, may be the final authority upon economics as expounded by Adam Smith, John Stewart Mill and Richard Cobden, but even its statement cannot convince us that any man could have written poetry like the poetry of Byron or Scott if his soul were absolutely destitute of music.

All the world knows, or ought to know, that a rich and musical voice is a most excellent and most effective equipment for a public speaker. A comparatively small part of the world may not know that an "ear for music," not necessarily a technical knowledge of music, is said to be of great value to a prose writer.

We should not be surprised to read in the newspapers some morning of the discovery by a diligent archaeologist of tablets containing incontestable proof of the fact that the "Sweet Singer of Israel," the man who sang before Saul and coaxed the evil spirit out of him by the appealing quality of the tones of his voice, that the writer of the Psalms did not know the difference between a discordant noise and the notes of the harp upon which he strummed.

Music is one of the grandest gifts of the gods to mankind, but even the grandest of gifts may be abused. One of the curses of this age is the disposition to abuse the good things of life. Men will run to extremes in eating and drinking. Men will run to extremes in almost everything. First they run to extremes in one direction, then they run to still worse extremes in their efforts to stem the tide of extremity.

The high tide of crime in the United States is said to be due to attempts to enforce prohibition. We are not enamored of prohibition. We do not like the disposition of some men to enforce by statute their views upon other men. But we are quite sure prohibition is not altogether the cause of lawlessness in the United States. Some of the factors that are productive of lawlessness already have been enumerated and discussed. No one has yet ascribed the mania for jazz, a vicious and perverted form of music, as the chief reason for the lamentable increase of crime in the United States. We submit this idea merely as a suggestion. We submit that if the Federal Congress and the

sovereign states were to pass a law, a Nineteenth Amendment or some other amendment, to the constitution, prohibiting the writing or playing of jazz, that one of the chief incentives to crime would be "eliminated."

Judge and Jury

By W. B. BREDIN

Trials by jury, or more correctly by the judge with the aid of a jury, have been the object of much adverse criticism in recent years. The eulogiums which were of one time lavished upon the jury system are now not merely questioned, but are declared to have been flights of fancy when they were uttered and farcical today. It was the great Blackstone—whose Commentaries on the Laws of England, published in 1766, were so widely read and almost revered on the American continent—who said of trials by jury that it was "the palladium of British Liberty, the glory of the English law, and the most transient privilege that any subject can enjoy or wish for," and in another passage of still greater fervor that "he who concludes that because Rome, Sparta and Carthage have lost their liberties, therefore those of England, in time, must perish, should recollect that Rome, Sparta and Carthage, at the time when their liberties were lost, were strangers to the trial by jury." And since Blackstone's time Lord Brougham and other panegyrists have seen in the trial by jury that all-essential protection to the liberty of the subject which Anglo-Saxon sentiment is so keenly alive.

At first sight the system appears almost ideal. The judge explains the law and the jury apply that law to the facts of the case. The special privilege to decide. What could be wiser than leaving questions of fact, or, as it has been put, questions of conduct, to "twelve good citizens and true?" And yet, whatever may have been the safeguards of the system in the days when it was so loudly boasted of, it is being much attacked today and is considered by some to be antiquated and impracticable and the chief defect in our administration of justice.

In the first place it is clear that the outstanding need for its existence in former times was the protection of the subject from the prerogatives of the monarch. The monarch, often the mere puppet of the Prince, a state of affairs long since passed away. Confidence in the impartiality of the jury is being questioned and the public do not consider that it is impaired by political considerations. It is, however, from the point of view of practicality that the fallings of the jury system are most apparent. To the layman a jury trial is a cumbersome drawn-out affair, it weakens the faith in the administration of our law, which, protecting property, reputation and liberty, so closely concern every citizen. It may remain, a noble heritage of the English Common Law, wherever that law—

the trial of James Parker in Paris in 1923. Parker was a young man who stole from the Paris office of the American Express Company about \$30,000. He was arrested a few months later and put on trial. He frankly confessed that he had taken the money, spending it on furnishing an apartment for his pretty French sweetheart and in having a good time at the Montmartre and elsewhere. The prosecuting counsel demanded a severe punishment, but counsel for Parker observed that youth would be youth, that the American Company made its money exploiting people on French soil, that it did not sufficiently watch its employees else Parker would never have taken so much, and finally that it had too much money anyhow. The jury deliberated five minutes and acquitted Parker with the abandonment that he should pay back the money when able to do so. These cases give some ground for an old assertion that "trial by jury is a joke, and as far as the interests of the public are concerned, a very bad joke." Though such findings are exceptional, and the jury in the great majority of cases fulfill their duty, yet it is obvious that the outcome of a trial by jury, however clearly the finger of justice points, is an uncertain thing. It is on the frailty of the jury that the defender of a criminal, whose guilt has been fairly established, relies, which accounts for the remark of a witty Frenchman: "I challenge every man who looks intelligent." And their prejudices and occasional stubbornness somewhat justifies the ascription of an American lady, who called a jury "the cussedness of one man multiplied by twelve." And the cussedness of one, if persisted in, prevents the rendering of a verdict as long as unanimity is required.

Popular Confidence
From a French viewpoint the success of the jury system in England—and this applies equally to this country—is "wholly due to, and is the most extraordinary sign of, popular confidence in the judicial bench." That is really the point, and it is confidence, so long as it is confidence, the advantages of trial by jury do not outweigh the disadvantages. This, at least, is the opinion of not a few members of the legal profession, a profession which is naturally imbued with a sense of reverence for antiquity.

It is probable, then, that reforms in the jury system will be introduced to meet the objections put forward and to avoid the anomalies which sometimes occur. Will it ever be abolished? That is impossible to say, but—and this is what is so passionate—would the reformer so often overlook the abolition of the jury system will never be justified unless public opinion definitely sanctions it. Even if it is thought that the public persists in a superstitious reverence for an outgrown system, a mere relic of antiquity, nothing must be allowed to weaken its faith in the administration of our law, which, protecting property, reputation and liberty, so closely concern every citizen. It may remain, a noble heritage of the English Common Law, wherever that law—

The State's collected will
O'er thrones and globes elate
Shall Empress, crowning good, re-pressing ill!"

DECEMBER

(On the Causeway, Victoria, B.C., December 1, 1925)

Clouds that cover the light,
The darkness of lowering night,
The gleam in its hazy light,
Proclaim the last of the day.
The shivering water shines,
Like moonlit-striken pine,
A forest of wavering lines
In the lights on the boat-strewn bay.
Deep hums the rigging of ships
In the blast from the tempest lips.
The crashing of idling ships
Is December's roundelay.
The Summer queen lies dead,
White frost enfolds her head,
And her grave with foam is spread
By the icy-fingered spray.
—Richard E. A. Diespecker.

The Weather

Metropolitan Office, Victoria, B.C., at 5 p.m., December 17, 1925.

TEMPERATURE	Min.	Max.
Victoria	47	47
Vancouver	44	48
Kamloops	24	48
Port Moody	44	48
Prince Rupert	44	48
Atlin	44	48
Duncan	44	48
Calverley, Alta.	44	48
Winnipeg, Man.	44	48
Portland, Ore.	44	48
San Francisco, Cal.	44	48
Seattle	44	48
Spokane	44	48
Portland, Me.	44	48
Verona	44	48
Grand Forks	44	48
Nelson	44	48
Edmonton	44	48
Calgary	44	48
Regina	44	48
Saskatoon	44	48
Winnipeg	44	48
Thunder Bay	44	48
Chicago	44	48
St. Louis	44	48
St. Paul	44	48
Minneapolis	44	48
Maximam	44	48
Minimum	44	48
Average	44	48
Bright sunshine	44	48
Rain	44	48

General state of the weather, cloudy.

Forecast:
Victoria and the coast to strong westerly winds, mild with occasional rain. The interior to strong westerly winds, mild with rain.
A P.M. Weather Report:
Victoria—Barometer, 29.48; wind, S.E., 44 miles, cloudy.
Vancouver—Barometer, 29.47; wind, S.E., 44 miles, cloudy.
Kamloops—Barometer, 29.48; wind, S.E., 44 miles, cloudy.
Port Moody—Barometer, 29.44; wind, S.E., 44 miles, cloudy.
Prince Rupert—Barometer, 29.48; wind, S.E., 44 miles, cloudy.
Atlin—Barometer, 29.48; wind, S.E., 44 miles, cloudy.
Duncan—Barometer, 29.48; wind, S.E., 44 miles, cloudy.
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Spokane—Barometer, 29.48; wind, S.E., 44 miles, cloudy.
Portland, Me.—Barometer, 29.48; wind, S.E., 44 miles, cloudy.
Verona—Barometer, 29.48; wind, S.E., 44 miles, cloudy.
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Winnipeg—Barometer, 29.48; wind, S.E., 44 miles, cloudy.
Thunder Bay—Barometer, 29.48; wind, S.E., 44 miles, cloudy.
Chicago—Barometer, 29.48; wind, S.E., 44 miles, cloudy.
St. Louis—Barometer, 29.48; wind, S.E., 44 miles, cloudy.
St. Paul—Barometer, 29.48; wind, S.E., 44 miles, cloudy.
Minneapolis—Barometer, 29.48; wind, S.E., 44 miles, cloudy.

Ex-Liberal M.P. Dead

OTTAWA, Dec. 17.—L. E. Prowse, Liberal M.P. for Quebec, P.E.I., from 1903 to 1911, died here today aged sixty-six.

FIFTY YEARS AGO TODAY

(From The Daily Colonist of December 18, 1925)
Mammals and birds were gaily decorated with Union Jacks, passed through Government River and down in the Hudson's Bay wharfing marine parade. They were seen by Mr. W. B. Bredin, who was with him by Mr. F. Reynolds and if the favor of his team is only admitted as much as his shape and make were, some few of our athletes will have a good Christmas dinner.
Late from the station, according to The London Times, states that the British here is much undermanned in consequence of the whistlers' desertions which have occurred. The ship had lost 100 men, while the Texas and the Myrmidon have lost half their complement of hands. The high rate of wages at San Francisco is alleged as the main cause of the desertions.
From New Westminster: The following passengers arrived from New Westminster per steamer Enterprise yesterday afternoon: Mrs. Farmer, Miss Louise Irvine, Captain Haydon, Captain Taylor, Messrs. H. Nelson, T. Weingarth, Nelson, Oliver, McMillan, Taylor and others.



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Wolves Attack Sheep

SOPIA, Dec. 17.—The heavy snowfall has driven packs of wolves from the mountains to the plains west of the town of Vidin, where they are playing havoc among the sheep folds. All available troops have been called out to exterminate the wolves.

Track Walker Injured

VANCOUVER, Dec. 17.—Yee Yee, Chinese, is unconscious at St. Paul's Hospital as a result of an injury received in performance of his duties as a track walker on the Kettle Valley Line of the C.P.R. Yesterday afternoon, near Homestead, thirty miles east of Hope, he discovered a small

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rock slide, and while clearing it away was apparently struck by a boulder rolling down the bank of the "cut."

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Rogers' Golden Syrup, 2-lb. can	16c
Fine Quality Fresh Made Chocolates, 3-lb. box, reg. \$1.00, for	\$1.29
5-lb. box, reg. \$1.65, for	
Cowan's Chocolate Funny Folks and Animals, reg. 25c. box for	19¢
Neilson's Macaroon Bars, reg. 5c. for	4¢
Reception Plum Pudding, reg. \$2.25 for \$1.05.	\$1.29
Reg. \$1.50 for	
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Almond Paste, ready for cake, per lb.	60¢
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Sweet Navel Oranges, dozen	19¢
Nice Juicy Lemons, dozen	19¢
Extra Choice Grapes, per lb.	15¢
Nice Ripe Pears, dozen	30¢
Fresh Rhubarb, per lb.	15¢
Mixed Nuts, 2 lbs. for	35¢
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Fresh Made Beef Sausages, 3 lbs. for	32c
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Rotary Fetes Civic Leaders

Mayor and Aldermen Guests at Luncheon—Tribute Paid Ald. A. E. Todd

Victoria's mayor and aldermen were guests of the Rotary Club yesterday afternoon in the Empress Hotel ballroom, at the weekly luncheon of the organization. His Worship Mayor Pendray introduced each alderman to the gathering in a humorous fashion, and told of humorous experiences he had had during his first term as the city's executive.

The Mayor expressed regret that Alderman A. E. Todd failed to secure election at the polls.

Rotarian George McGregor, ex-Reeve of Saanich, and chairman of the club's public affairs committee, which conducted the programme, also joined with the winning opposition.

Alderman Todd, on rising to speak, was tendered an ovation, which concluded in ringing cheers.

Government Saved From Defeat by Vote Of Hon. the Speaker

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jection to the bill that it would cause serious delay in the administration of justice, among other reasons.

Government Defeated

When the division on the second reading was taken, the Government could only muster twenty-three votes, with twenty-four against them. The Conservative member for Mackenzie, Mr. Michael Manson, hesitated about rising in his place, but eventually joined with the winning opposition.

"I was not sure what the bill was about," he commented afterwards, when good humored chaff was levelled at him.

"It won't take ten seconds to explain it to him," observed Major Guy Lyons, Conservative member for Victoria.

Premier Oliver did not seem in the least disturbed and joined in the laugh registered at the expense of his Government.

When the bill was in committee at the evening session the Attorney-General went to some pains to explain in detail the objections he had to it. It was imperative, he said, that the administration of such laws as the Liquor Act should be carried out expeditiously. If the bill became law, cases would be delayed for some time, and it might happen that a bootlegger would have friends on the jury, with the result that justice would not be done. He moved an amendment, that the machinery clause of the bill, section two, be deleted.

"Jury of Bootleggers"

Cap. Ian Mackenzie, fourth member for Vancouver, agreed with the Attorney-General. They might see a jury of bootleggers if the bill passed, he said, and the Attorney-General's duties increased by 100 per cent. He pictured two lawyers of the Opposition, Messrs. Davis and Twigg, occupying ministerial posts twenty years hence and having this "legacy" on their hands.

This brought both those gentlemen to their feet. Mr. Davis said he had practised under the old law, and he did not experience any of the dire results the Government lawyer-members predicted.

As to the chance of bootleggers appearing, he said, he did not think that reflects too well on the administration of the Attorney-General," he observed. "Anyhow, speaking for the people of British Columbia who are not bootleggers, I do not think their rights before the law should be prejudiced in order that the Attorney-General should get his bootlegger."

Lawyers Argue It

Mr. Twigg said that the restrictions passed by the Attorney-General in his speech seemed to argue that jurymen would break their sworn oath. The Attorney-General's remarks would lead one to the conclusion that he felt that no jury would convict a bootlegger in British Columbia.

Another lawyer on the Government benches, Mr. P. P. Harrison, Comox, took up at this juncture, and said the bill would not be active.

Mr. Joshua Hinchliffe, second member for Victoria, strongly supported the stand taken by his colleague. At last, he said, the House had before it an issue which was the best possible solution for the situation, he was, to say the least, astounded at the immensity of the demand that it was proposed to set aside. It was a veritable empire in extent. Past experiences of the people of the province with land grants had not been entirely satisfactory, and the members of the House should not be asked hastily to decide upon a question of such tremendous importance. He did not think the Legislature as at present constituted was the proper body to decide the question.

There were really two questions upon which the people should be consulted. The first was whether they approved of alienating from the Crown such a large tract of land, and the second was whether they wished to have this Government continue on as railroad builders and extend the line into the Peace River country. The experiences of the Government as railroad constructors had been a bitter one for British Columbia.

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Citizens Must Decide

A dispute arose between the speaker and the Premier over whether it was necessary for the question to be referred back to the people if any lands were alienated. The Premier declared that his position was that the P.G.E. was owned by the public, and that in transferring lands to the railway it was simply passing assets from one hand to the other.

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as the contention that county court practice would implement it was not correct.

J. Hinchliffe, Conservative (Victoria), claimed it was the traditional right of British justice to afford a jury trial in such cases.

The chairman of committees, Mr. J. Mackenzie, the Attorney-General's motion out of order, as it was a direct negative of the clause before the committee.

Government in Minority

When the clause was put the division bells were not set ringing, and Major Burde was temporarily absent. There were forty-three members present, but the counting was declared equal.

Government members were not satisfied with the count, which was again made, with a minority of one vote.

On this question, that the committee rise and report, the voting was again declared equal. The chairman of committees declared that he must vote as he had voted in the afternoon—against the Government.

The impasse was greeted with Opposition cheers, which were drowned by Capt. Ian Mackenzie calling for a recount, on a point of order.

On this occasion the division bells were set ringing, and amid great cheers from the Opposition, Major Burde, who had voted against the Government in the afternoon, walked into the chamber and took his seat.

From the Government side, the motion to refer to him, was on his way, and he too entered, and took a seat on the Government side of the House, amid counter cheers from the Opposition.

Speaker Saves the Day

The vote, taken by the clerk, was called as twenty-three to twenty-three. This led to further argument and uproar, an hon. member exclaiming, "The Government is defeated!"

In the next count, the Attorney-General counted heads, amid murmurs of protest from the Opposition, and declared that the voting was twenty-three to twenty-two in favor of the Government.

There were cries of "Saved by the Speaker," and "Saved by grace," from the Government side, and the tumult died down, the Speaker assuming control and turning to the next business on the order paper.

The Speaker had voted to save the Government.

New Social Club Is Being Organized

British Isles Public Schools Club Is Started With Temporary Offices

A new social club, which has been temporarily named "The British Isles Public Schools Club," is being organized by former members of British public schools and universities, residing in this city and district.

At present the membership is eighty-five, but it is hoped to increase to double that number within the next few weeks. Mr. C. E. Tildesley has been appointed acting president.

Mr. R. H. Macdonald, Room "B," Campbell Building, is acting secretary. The new club will have its headquarters in the Royal Hotel, corner of Fort and Broad streets.

People Should Be Consulted on P.G.E. Plan

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Further time for consideration of the bill was essential, he said, and he proposed that the Government defer it until next session, and in the interim ascertain the wishes of the people, whose heritage was to be disposed of. An alternate suggestion, he proposed, that the present session be adjourned until February 1, and that in the meantime the Government take steps to consult the people on the proposed legislation.

The proposal, however, was presented at one session and allowed to start over until the following one in order that the members might give proper consideration to its proposals.

In concluding the Mackenzie member made another appeal to the Government not to attempt to rush through such an important piece of legislation.

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City & District

Application Granted—The application of Mrs. Geoffrey Porter for a judicial separation from her husband, Mr. Geoffrey Porter, was granted in Supreme Court yesterday by Mr. Justice D. A. McDonald. Mrs. H. A. Beckwith appeared for Mrs. Porter and the application was unopposed.

Phenazins Like Late Berries—Raspberries which were picked yesterday by Mr. John E. Jennings, adjoining the proposed Elk Lake golf links, have arrived at The Colonist office. When Mr. Jennings went to pick them, there were about ten pheasants eating berries from the vine.

Burnside School Concert—The pupils of the Burnside School held a concert on the evening of Wednesday in the Centennial Church schoolroom, which was filled by a large audience. Enthusiastic applause was evoked by the graceful dancing of little six-year-old Phyllis Addison, while the "Policemen's Song," given by seven boys led by George Healey, caused much merriment. The school board was represented by Mr. George Jay and the Lady Douglas Chapter by its regent, Mrs. R. B. McKelving. Mrs. E. Patterson and Mrs. A. S. Christie. The Rev. J. F. Westman was a very capable and genial chairman.

Judge Reserves Decision In Larkin Income Case

TORONTO, Dec. 17.—Judge Denton today reserved judgment in appeal of Hon. Peter Larkin, Canadian High Commissioner in London, from a decision of the Court of Revision, confirming his income assessment here at \$329,907. It was contended that Mr. Larkin was not now a resident of Toronto but of England, where he received his dividend payments. The court was informed that Mr. Larkin had bought a house in London, England, and was therefore a resident of that country and not of Canada.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

B.C. Dramatic School Christmas Festival—December 18 at the New Thought Temple at 8 p.m., sharp, and December 19 at the Memorial Hall at 8 p.m. Splendid programme. One ticket admits to both shows and is transferable. Reserved seats 55 cents, or front rows \$1.10, including tax. Vancouver students participating. Christmas tree given by His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor.

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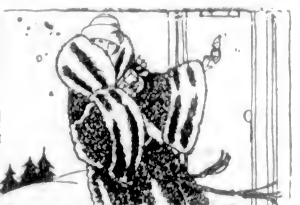
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With rolled brim and tassel. Choice of scarlet, brown and white. Friday Bargain, 40c
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Pure Barley Sugar Toys, per 1-lb. box 50c
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Electors of Oak
Bay Will Record
Opinion on Park

Council to Submit Plebiscite
on Improvements to Wind-
sor Road Park at Election
Next Month

Estimated Cost Is \$32,000

"Are you in favor of the immediate
submission of a money-by-law for the
improvement of the Windsor Road
Park as a recreation and athletic
park at an estimated cost of \$32,000?"

Voters of Oak Bay Municipality
will be asked to express their views
on the above question at the polls on
the day of the annual municipal election,
which will be held Saturday,
January 16, as a result of the decision
of the Oak Bay Council last night to
submit this plebiscite to the electors.

Councillor C. F. L. Money suggested
that the referendum on the park
question be worded "Are you in favor
of the immediate submission of a
money-by-law for a sum not to exceed
\$32,000, to be spent on improving
Windsor Road Park?" He favored an
early commencement on development
of the park, and thought that the
work could be done in stages, thereby
not making it necessary to expend at
one time the sum of \$32,000, the en-
gineer's estimate of cost if develop-
ment was carried out according to
plans prepared. The main thing was
to make a start upon improving the
park, he said.

That he considered the electors
should vote on the full amount of the
money was the contention of Councillor
Wilson's contention. The engineer
had informed the Council what the
cost of properly developing the park
would be, and he considered the vot-
ers should be given the opportunity
to express their views on that matter.

When the motion concerning what
the nature of the plebiscite should be
was put to a vote, Councillors Wilson,
Ahe and Edwards voted to have the
sum of \$32,000 in the referendum.
While Councillor Money opposed it,
Councillor Mearns presided over the
session. Reeve Anson and Councillor
Hayward were absent.

Municipal Chapter
Holds Its Meeting

Donations for Hampers Will Be
Received Today and Tomorrow—
Social Activities

The general monthly meeting of the
Municipal Chapter was held Thursday
morning, December 17, at 10:30
o'clock, in the Hamley Building, at
the residence of Mrs. Curtis Sampson, presi-
dent.

The minutes of the last meeting
were read by the secretary, Mrs.
Prior, seconded by Mrs. Moust, ac-
cepted.

The correspondence included a
letter from Mrs. Hawshaw re child
welfare, which is to be circulated and
sent to each chapter; also one from
the Social Service League and the
Amputation Club. It was moved by
Mrs. Moust, seconded by Mrs.
Hardie, that a committee, comprising
Mrs. Sampson, Mrs. Appleby and Mrs.
Hall, meet the Amputation Club to
discuss their proposition re raising
funds with which to carry on.

Mrs. Appleby reported for the
Soldiers' Graves Committee and asked
that the Chapters decorate the graves
in their charge for Christmas with
holly wreaths. She also reported that
twelve new graves had been secured
and put in order during the Summer.

Mrs. Gordon Smith, Echoes Secre-
tary, reported that a cut of the Victoria
War Memorial had been
donated by a generous friend and
that she hoped a reproduction of it
would appear in the March issue of
Echoes.

A resolution was brought forward
by the Municipal Chapter, moved by
Mrs. Hayward and seconded by Mrs.
Cummins, and unanimously carried,
to be sent on to the Provincial
Chapter.

"That in view of the British film
industry making an effort to come
back to its rightful place, the Impe-
rial Order Daughters of the Empire
of Victoria would welcome the British
films, hoping to foster British
ideals and bring British life, manners
and history before the rising genera-
tion."

Mrs. Hebdon Gillespie, local com-
missioner of Girl Guides, reported
that a new company had been formed
at Tillamook and that the Sefton Col-
lege company were most interested in
their work, and she announced that
Camoun Chapter had kindly offered
to mother Camoun Girl Guides Com-
pany.

Mrs. A. N. Moust was in charge
throughout the day at the rooms,
Hamley Building, to receive donations
to the Christmas hampers for
soldiers and their dependants. It was
decided to keep the rooms open all
day Friday and Saturday from 10
a.m. to 5 p.m. Mrs. Hebdon Gillespie
will be in charge today. The applica-
tion list for hampers will close Tues-
day morning when a busy band of
workers will pack the hampers which
will be delivered on Wednesday.

The following entertainments were
made for entertainments: The Royal
Bride Junior Chapter play at the
home of Mrs. Hermann Robertson,
Saturday, December 19, at 8 p.m.;
the Navy League Chapter children's
ball at the Empress Hotel, December
24; the Navy League Chapter bridge
and mah jong evening January 20, at
the Empress; the Marguerite Chapter
dance, January 22.

The meeting adjourned after the
singing of the National Anthem.

K.K.K. Cross on Mount Royal

MONTREAL, Dec. 17.—A fiery
cross, built of wood and surrounded
by bags saturated with gasoline to
make it burn fiercely, drew the atten-
tion of the fire department last night.
The cross blazed on the slope of Mount
Royal and was quickly extinguished
by the fire brigade. A card indicating
that it had been lighted by members
of the Ku Klux Klan was found at the
foot of the cross and has been sent
to the police department.

A Christmas gift that will live—
your portrait.

Afraid of Love

By CHRISTABEL RUSSELL

The Charter of Deliverance
In the years which followed her
husband went from bad to worse—
drunk, cards, women, the whole bag
of tricks which Jo-burg knows so well
how to provide. If Meryl complained
he turned on her with a "Well, I keep
you, don't I, you and the child? Where
would you be without me to make
money for you?"

She knew the injustice of that, but
nevertheless it bred in her the deter-
mination never again, when once she
was free of him, to be dependent on
any man; it told her that no man
was worth her loving, except the man
she was going to make of her own.

It had been the charter of her de-
liverance, the telegram which told her
that Tony was dead, killed by a lion
while out after big game. Even then,
in spite of the iron in her soul, she
had tried to feel sorry, but no sor-
row came to her. Deep down in her
heart she knew that she was glad,
that she was free of the man who had
made her life a torment, free to make
her own way, independent.

As she turned into the wide court-
yard of the Hotel Rockaway she
looked down at that splendid son of
hers, and her love for him welled up
in her so strongly that to her eyes
came the first tears she had shed
since her husband's death.

She told the reception clerk that she
would be leaving next day. Funds
were low, and she could no longer
afford to live at the Rockaway. She
went upstairs and put Tony to bed.
There were all kinds of exciting
games to be played before he would
consent to go to sleep.

"Are you going to have a shop,
mummy?" he asked.

"I hope so, boy."

"A butcher's shop, mummy?"

"No, a shop where ladies can buy
lovely clothes."

"Oh!" he whispered, sleepily. "I
wish it were a butcher's shop, then
I could drive the cart." He fell
asleep.

Meryl dined quietly in the restau-
rant. Usually she was interested in
crowds, and liked to watch in public
places the different kinds of people,
wondering what their stories were;
but tonight she was too busy with
her own thoughts to bother much
about her neighbors.

The other diners were mostly busi-
ness men and their wives. Here and
there a young couple stood out against
the background of wealthy old age.
Glancing up, preoccupied, Meryl
could not help noticing out of these,
a girl and a young man seated not
far from her, the girl in a silver frock,
the man in evening dress. They
should not have a care in the world,
she thought—yet her intuition told
her that they had troubles too.

There was something strained in the
attitude, in the way the girl leaned
back in her chair and plucked nervously
at her skirt. The eyes of the
young man were sad-blue eyes which
should have held a smile.

It was not often that Meryl looked
at a man. It came therefore as a
surprise to her to find herself taking
quite an interest in this particular
young man. She liked his keen, eager
look, his brown skin glowing with
perfect health, his curling brown hair
—and most of all those eyes of his,
which were something very likeable
about him and about the attention he
paid to the girl who sat opposite him.

He was of a type which Meryl
liked, a type which she had ceased to
believe in. Perhaps one day—then
she laughed the bitter little laugh
which was so often on her lips these
days. There was no place in her mind
for such thoughts. Tony had killed
the love of men in her.

(To Be Continued.)

Court Doubts
Power to Try

Knotty Question of Jurisdiction
in Vernon Fruit Case Must
Be Decided by Judge

The trial in Macdonald-Buchanan
vs. Vernon Growers' Union which yester-
day bid fair to take little time in
concluding in the supreme court, de-
veloped into a knotty case which oc-
cupied counsel all day. Mr. Justice
D. A. McDonald reserved his judg-
ment in the case which developed
finally into a question of jurisdiction.
The points of issue between the
parties was with respect to the right
of the defendant company to withhold
certain sums from the plaintiff.

This point of jurisdiction which was
raised the day before by Mr. H. B.
Robertson, K.C., for the defence, grew
in importance as the argument pro-
ceeded and will be decided by His
Lordship as quickly as possible so
that the questions at issue may be
disposed of by him by arbitration,
should it be decided that Mr. Robert-
son is right and that it is the course
that the act required to be taken in
settling such a dispute as this.

Arbitration Not Necessary
Mr. Lindley Crease, K.C., for the
plaintiff, argued at length that the
dispute that arose between his client,
as a member of the Vernon Growers'
Union, and that union was something
that it was not required to refer to

arbitration but such as should come
before the court.

Mr. Robertson contended that every
dispute arising out of the rules of the
association was one that had to go to
arbitration under the provisions of
the act.

Mr. Crease argued that under the
act appeal was allowed to the court
for an injunction. The court had
general jurisdiction which was not
taken away by the special provisions
of this Agricultural Act. The arbitra-
tion rule was confined, he said, to dis-
putes between member and member
or between a member and the society,
but these disputes must come within
the rules of the association. It was
therefore, he said, a case of the class
of dispute that had to be settled.

Proper Course Not Taken
Mr. Crease went into the merits of
the dispute at some length, arguing
that the Vernon Union had not taken
the proper course and it wished to
help the Storage Company. It could
have taken shares in the latter com-
pany, but it had never authorized such
a course although in reality it ap-
peared that it took shares after help-
ing to pay for the storage building.

The immediate question which will
be decided by His Lordship will be
that of whether the action was properly
brought before the supreme court.
If this is decided in favor of the
plaintiff, then the main points in dispute will
not require to be dealt with by him.

Orphan Babe to Receive
\$25 Month From C.N.R.
Until 17 Years of Age

TORONTO, Dec. 17.—Sir Henry
Thornton, in a letter to Hon. W. F.
Nichol, Attorney-General, states that
the Canadian National Railways will
pay little Hilda Mould, aged three,
\$25 a month until she is seventeen
years old. The child was the only sur-
vivor of a level crossing accident at
Seabrook Junction early in October,
when a fast train struck a car con-
taining baby Mould's parents and
three other persons. An uncle is
keeping the child.

Judge: Prisoner, the jury finds you
guilty.
Prisoner: That's all right, my lord!
I know you're too clever to be in-
fluenced by what they say.

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Quoit Contest Winners Receive Their Prizes

At the annual smoking concert and presentation of prizes of Victoria Quoit Club, attended by a large gathering of members and friends, the following prizes were won during the past season were presented by Capt. A. M. Aitken:

McIntosh Trophy: Hillside district. Withers Cup and medal: J. J. Lister; 2. D. McCaig.

First League Cup: J. John Man; 2. T. Bryant.

First League handicap: J. D. McCaig; 2. T. Scouler.

Second League handicap: J. F. Saunders; 2. T. McCaig.

Rings were rendered by Messrs. Mackenzie, Jeffrey, Scouler, Alexander, Todd, McMillan, Manson, Bryant, Saunders, and Robertson.

Football Leaders Are Considered Secure Against Any Downfall

LONDON, Dec. 17.—With Arsenal being considered favorites over Birmingham, whom they met on the latter's grounds in a scheduled game of the First Division of the English Football League Saturday, it is extremely unlikely that the leaders can be ousted from the top of the division. Sunderland, the runners-up, will be at home to the strong Aston Villa eleven, who are following closely on their heels for second place honors.

Famous Cricketer Dead
LONDON, Dec. 17.—Albert Neilson Hornby, noted cricketer, died today in his seventy-ninth year. He captained the Lancashire cricket team for many years.

Fleetfoot Irish Are Much Too Fast for Flatfoot Americans

BELFAST, Dec. 17.—American girls are flatfooted—at least those were who played hockey against the Irish girls' team, which has just returned from a successful American tour, according to Miss McKinnon, of Belfast, one of the members.

The American hockeyists did not use their toes in running, she says, with the consequence that the Irish team simply ran away from them.

Kelowna Basket Teams Win Games at Vernon

KELOWNA, Dec. 17.—Playing in Vernon last night Kelowna hoop squads opened the new gymnasium with two victories. A mixed intermediate and senior squad swamped the Vernon seniors by 47-5, while the local intermediate girls won from Vernon senior ladies by 18-4.

Swimmer to Get Divorce
OAKLAND, Cal., Dec. 17.—Mrs. Frances Cowell Schrote, internationally known swimmer and holder of several national and Pacific Coast records, was granted a divorce here today from George Schrote. She charged her husband's parents were responsible for the marital discord in opposing her activity in athletics.

Father had forbidden Betty to touch the apples. One day he came into the nursery, looking very stern.

"Somebody has been at the apples," he said. "I have found three cores."

Betty tried to look as if she had never seen an apple.

At last she blurted out: "Well, it wasn't me, 'cause I ate my cores."

ROUNDING THIRD

by Hugh A. Jennings

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CHAPTER XVI

Matty Called the Pitchers' Pitcher

It is impossible to say what pitcher was the greatest of all time. There were many pitchers that can be described as great. Or, rather, I may mention Amos Rusie, Jettie Meekin, Christy Mathewson, Joe McGinnity, Charles Radbourne, Walter Johnson, Denton T. Young, "Rube" Mahon, A. G. Spalding, Jack Chesbro, Mordecai Brown, "Kid" Nichols, "Rube" Waddell, "Chief" Bender, Bill Donovan, Addie Joss, Grover Cleveland Alexander, Urban Shocker, Matty Kilroy and Eddie Plank. There were a few others, but these stand out clearly in memory. Some of them were better than others, but to set apart one and say he was the best of all time is beyond me.

If you ask me to name the best-equipped pitcher of all time I can accommodate you. This was Christy Mathewson. He came closer to being the perfect pitcher than any man that has thrown a ball over the plate. Mathewson is the pitchers' pitcher, the one man they try to model after. He had everything that a pitcher should have—a curve ball, a slow one, a fast one, a fadeaway. He pitched with little effort and he had the greatest gift a pitcher can possess—control. Mathewson's control was near perfect. He had the needed intelligence and the heart; he studied his batsmen and knew their weaknesses; he always pitched to them. Every time Mathewson started a ball for the plate it meant something. He was never found wanting when the test came.

The Greatest Pair

The greatest pair of pitchers that were ever found on the same staff were Amos Rusie and Jettie Meekin. Having this pair was like having two Walter Johnsons in Johnson's prime. Both were big—Rusie stood more than six feet in height and weighed about 215; Meekin was one inch taller than Rusie and weighed fifteen pounds less. Rusie had as much speed as a bullet and a better curve ball. His curve broke very fast; it was about as fast as the average fast ball, and a cross between a wide curve and a drop ball. It success lay in the quick break. Meekin had about as much speed as Rusie, but his curve was not so good. It resembled Walter Johnson's curve ball.

Rusie was the most peculiar pitcher I have ever seen. With all his size and weight he had unusually short arms. They were no longer than the normal arms of a man five feet eight inches in height. How he got such speed on the ball with those short arms of his was always a mystery to me, for all the great fast ball pitchers, Johnson in particular, have long arms. Johnson got by on his fast ball alone for a long stretch, but Rusie could not have done this. What made Rusie's fast ball good was the fast-breaking curve ball. He owed his remarkable success to the curve. Unless you were looking for it you could never hit the curve because it broke too sharply.

Meekin was easier to hit than Rusie because his curve ball did not carry so much break and you could go after it like a fast ball. The way to hit Meekin was to make up your mind that everything he pitched was a fast ball.

They were an invaluable pair. With their size and their stuff they were able to work every other day. A manager who had Meekin and Rusie today could sleep through either major league with any one of the sixteen teams.

Physique is a great aid to a pitcher. Practically all the great pitchers were big men, weighing 180 pounds or more. No other man ever pitched so long as Denton Tecumseh Young, known as "Cy" through the baseball ages. He was a fast man and he had an easy delivery, pitching with little effort. He had a good fast ball, but only a fair curve. In style and pitching stuff he much resembled Meekin, McMahon and Nichols. All four had good fast balls, but only average

curve balls. All four pitched alike, overhand or sidearm. McMahon's curve ball was slightly better than the curves of the other three.

No Soft Mark

Charles Radbourne had a fast ball and a curve. There were better fast balls, but few better curves. He knew how to pitch and he knew how to field. Among the old-timers the fielding of Radbourne stood out. Any pitcher that opposed Providence while Radbourne was on the Providence pitching staff did not have a soft mark to shoot at when Radbourne came to bat, for he was the best hitting pitcher of his day.

When Matt Kilroy was pitching for Louisville and "Toad" Ramsey for Baltimore, each wanted to win the title of "Strikeout King." Both were left-handers and each had a drop curve, a delivery that broke down sharply and that was well suited for strikeout purposes. Whenever these two teams met, Kilroy and Ramsey were saved for the same day and a battle always resulted. Kilroy generally got the decision, although Ramsey frequently struck out more men. Kilroy had the advantage in picking runners off the bases. If he did get on, he would throw them out. He often purposely gave a batter a base on balls in preference to handing him a good one that he could hit. Kilroy knew his chance of catching the runner off base was much easier than striking him out if the batter had him in a hole.

Chairman of Central Council Is Invited



DR. JAMES W. ROBERTSON

Chairman of the Central Council of the Canadian Red Cross who has received an invitation to attend the Pan-American conference of Red Cross Societies at Washington in 1926.

Farmers Win Right To Shoot Pheasants

Agriculturists Will Need No Permit to Kill Birds Found Among Field Crops

Farmers won the day in the debate that raged in the Legislature last night as to whether the owners of the soil or the sportsmen of the Province have the preference in the matter of dealing with pheasants.

The Game Act amendments submitted by the Attorney-General intended that pheasants should be fully protected, but provision was made for farmers to obtain special permits for the purpose of protecting their crops from the birds. This arrangement did not suit Mr. J. Catherwood, member for Dewdney, who moved in amendment that the farmers should be permitted to deal as they saw fit with pheasants who were proving to be an annoyance.

The Attorney-General admitted that he was not an expert hunter and maintained an open mind on the subject. His only fear was that there was a possibility of sportsmen holding pheasant shoots in off seasons when the birds were really not an annoyance.

Dr. Rothwell proved to be a friend of the pheasant, declaring that they had proved on dissection to be the friend of the farmer. He had found from 500 to 2,300 coccidia in the crops of these he had examined.

Mr. Catherwood, not to be outdone, revealed that he too was somewhat of a scientist, for he had also examined the crops of a number of birds, and he found nothing there but farm products.

After further discussion the amendment carried.

Farmers may not kill deer indiscriminately, although the deer may be taking toll of their crops. An attempt by the Conservative member for Mackenzie, Mr. M. Manson, to include an amendment in the Game Bill for that purpose, was defeated by a large majority.

Mr. Manson's proposal was that the close season restrictions regarding the possession of game should not apply to "farmers or ranchers in unorganized territory, when killing deer found pasturing in their crops, and when the meat of said deer has been salted or otherwise preserved for future use; nor to prospectors, free miners and hand loggers when killing deer or other game animals for their own use, the meat of which animals having been salted or otherwise preserved for future use."

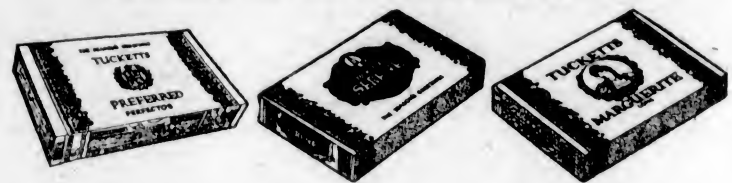


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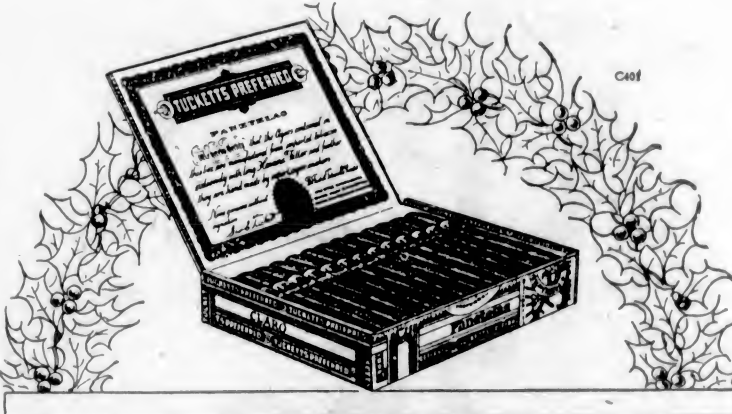
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Farmers' Interests First to Be Studied

Proposal to Make June 30 Delinquent Date for Tax Payment Criticized

Considerable criticism arose in the Legislature yesterday against a clause in the Taxation Bill, sponsored by Hon. Dr. J. D. MacLean, Minister of Finance, setting the date upon which taxes became delinquent as June 30.

Members from both sides of the House advanced vigorous objection, claiming that October 31 would suit in much greater degree, the agricultural industry in all its various branches.

They pointed out that in June farmers were engaged in making expenditures on crops while in October the crops had been harvested and the farmer was in receipt of cash from the sale of his produce.

Dr. MacLean declared that while he recognized the point of the argument, changing the delinquent date from June until the end of October would mean that the Government would have to rearrange its scheme of financing. The Government would have to borrow considerable money with which to

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carry on the administration of affairs from June to November 1, and the result would be accumulation of four months' interest charges whereas, if he secured revenue from taxation at the end of June, the four months' charge would be saved.

The opposing members felt that the Government could better afford to stand a few months' interest charges and rearrange its financing, than could the farmers of the province. The clause was stood over for later consideration.

"Buffalo Bill's" Fantasy Dies
ANACONDA, Dec. 17.—Tom Maguire, who hunted buffalo on the Western plains with "Buffalo Bill" Cody, is dead here. He was eighty-three years old.

Appointed School Principal
QUEBEC, Dec. 17.—Rev. A. D. Mackenzie, of Vancouver, B.C., has been appointed to the principalship of St. James' College and has accepted the position. He will take up his duties on July 1, 1926.

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Ottawa Takes Action On Notice of Motion By Hon. H. H. Stevens

OTTAWA, Dec. 17.—As a result of investigation into the conduct of certain branches of the customs department in Quebec Province, the post of Special Inspector of Customs and Excise at Montreal has been transferred from J. E. Hurlburt to G. M. Hunter, of Ottawa. An order-in-council dismissing Mr. Hurlburt was passed on December 12. A motion filed by Hon. H. H. Stevens, Conservative member for Centre Vancouver, for inclusion in the parliamentary order paper some weeks ago, charged that smuggling was being countenanced by some customs inspectors in Canada, and Mr. Hurlburt's name was specifically mentioned.



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Santa Claus Found by Exploring Expedition Sent by The Colonist

Wireless Brings Story From Eskimoland of Explorers
Who Take First Authentic Pictures of Santa at Work
in His White Castle on Top of the World

By HOLLY BERRY
Special Correspondent of The Colonist in Eskimoland
NORTH POLEVILLE, Eskimoland, Dec. 17.—We all know Santa Claus. Everyone loves him, and likes to hear stories about him. But stop to think of what you know about Santa Claus. Can you tell any more than that he lives up in the land of ice and snow near the North Pole, that he has a white beard and wears a red suit and hat, and that once a year he drives away with his team of swift reindeer and visits good children everywhere, going down the chimney and leaving presents?

In the last few years, men have discovered many great things. Explorers have gone far away, in ships, in aeroplanes and on foot, and have brought back tales of strange lands and people. But the greatest story, you will all agree, is the finding of the home of Santa Claus.

Early this winter Captain F. E. Klein Schmidt and his wife were away up North among the Eskimos taking moving pictures. The Captain took pictures of the way the Eskimos lived in their snow houses, and hunted the polar bear, and seal and the walrus. He saw how they herded their reindeer.

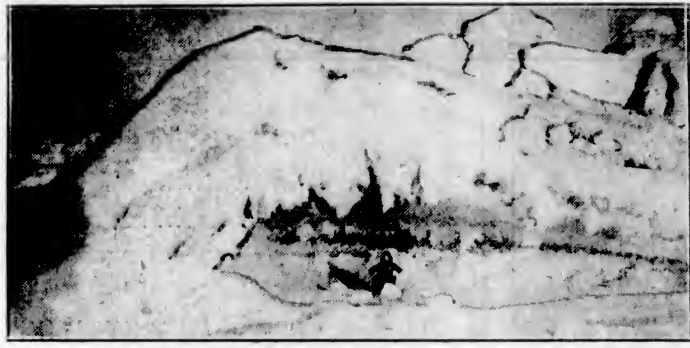
The Colonist sent its correspondent to visit the Captain. It was nearly Christmas time when the correspondent arrived, and everybody was talking about Santa Claus. The Eskimos, of course, are the nearest neighbors

call on him in his home, perhaps even have tea with him, and then ask him if he would allow us to make honest-to-goodness moving pictures of him.

At last we found a little wrinkled old Eskimo woman, called An-nung, who thought she could direct us to the home of Santa Claus. So one day we started off, with our reindeer teams headed North, and traveled for many days and nights. Really, it was night all the time, for in this country the sun does not shine for three months in the winter, but the moon shining on the snow makes it almost as light as day.

Such a fierce wind was blowing that even the reindeer could hardly face it, and the snow was whirling and swirling in such a fury that we could hardly see. This wind, the old Eskimo woman told us, came from the cave of Layluk, the North Wind. No Eskimo had ever been beyond it, because Layluk is a fierce spirit. He wears a black coat, black as the Arctic night, and every time he shakes the folds of his coat the weather grows colder and colder, until everything is covered with thick ice and snow, and the Eskimos cannot hunt or fish.

Off to the Reindeer
While this fierce snowstorm was raging, the Captain took a picture of his reindeer teams and the wild Layluk. He froze his fingers and Layluk blew the camera full of snow.



The Cave of Layluk, the North Wind, a Fierce Spirit Who Tried to Defeat the Expedition to Santa Claus Land

great thing to ride behind a pair of these swift steeds.

Just before the big moon sank behind a low ridge of mountains we were able to see hundreds and even thousands of dark spots all over the great plain. It was a vast herd of reindeer. A few minutes more and our reindeer stopped, jumping and built a bonfire, with the reindeer all around us, looking at the fire with great soft brown eyes.

We Called Him "Assistant"
All at once there stood beside our campfire a little old man, not more than three feet high, with wrinkled face and white, frost-covered whiskers. He came so suddenly that we had no idea where he came from. It was just as if a dwarf had stepped out of the storybook of "Snowwhite."

"Won't you come over to the fire and have a cup of hot tea?" I asked politely.

The little man was not at all bashful, and made himself right at home. He could understand our language as well as the language of the Eskimos. "Why did you come away up here near the North Pole?" he asked. "Can I help you in any way?"

He was so quick and thoughtful that we named him "Assistant." The Captain told him that we were taking pictures, and showed him the camera.

"Ho! I have made many little movie cameras for the children," said Assistant.

"Why, you must be one of Santa's Little Men!" said Mrs. Cap. "We came all the way up here to see him, and take pictures of him for the children."

"Santa Will See You!" Assistant shook his head, and said that Santa might let grown-ups see him, but he would never show himself to children.

"But I will go back and ask him if he will let you come," said Assistant. He promised to be back in the morning, or rather, when the moon came up again.

All night we dreamed of little men and fairies all around us, and when we woke up we found our campfire already burning, breakfast already cooked and Assistant waiting for us.

He brought us the great and wonderful news that Santa would see us. Quickly we harnessed our teams, and as the great reindeer herd parted to make way for us, we saw in the distance a beautiful white shimmering castle, the Home of Santa Claus!

Tomorrow—A Day in Santa Claus' Castle.

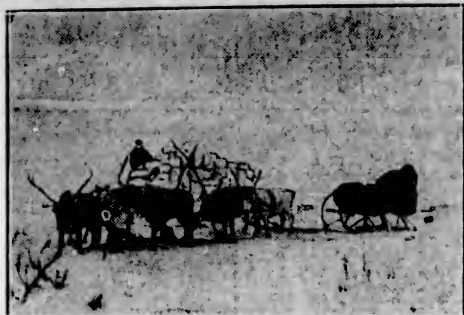
Civil Population of Damascus in Panic

JERUSALEM, Dec. 17.—The civil population of Damascus is leaving the city in panic, according to reports received here today from Damascus.

The railway station is crowded with refugees awaiting their trains. The departure of the trains, however, is uncertain. Although the French garrison consists of 2,000, the Jewish quarter, the report says, is practically unguarded and is often visited by rebels and bandits. A petition has been submitted by the Jewish population, asking that the force be increased.

Motor Crash Kills Four

KELLOGG, Ia., Dec. 17.—Four persons were killed last night when a Rock Island passenger train struck an automobile at a crossing near here. The dead are Miss Helen Hodges of Des Moines, a Mr. and Mrs. Brown and Arnold Morris, of Newton.



Reindeer and Sleigh Used by the Expedition to Santa Claus Land

Railroading of Bills Strongly Protested

Mr. R. H. Pooley Condemns Hasty Way in Which Legislation Is Being Handled

Strenuous protest against the railroading of bills through the Legislature was made once more on the floor of the House yesterday afternoon by Mr. R. H. Pooley, leader of the Opposition.

Premier Oliver again made a vigorous denial of the charge.

Reaching his desk about ten minutes after the House convened, Mr. Pooley rose on a question of privilege to ask whether the bill designed to amend the Coal Mines Regulations Act had been considered.

An Hon. Member: "Yes, it's been reported."

Mr. Pooley: "Well, then I object, Mr. Speaker, in the most strenuous way to the rapid manner in which legislation is being handled in this House. I left at ten minutes to 2 o'clock to get some lunch, and I was back again at four minutes past. I particularly asked that this bill be stood over because the Opposition wishes to give it particular attention. We object most strenuously to this method of railroading legislation through—there is no other term for it. We on this side of the House are working under extremely high pressure, and I think that more consideration should be shown us."

Mr. Pooley suggested that the bill be considered again in committee.

Premier Oliver declared that he failed to recollect the leader of the Opposition having made the request for the bill to be stood over.

Mr. Pooley: "Well, then I make it now."

The Premier replied that the bill had just happened to be first on the order paper, and that there had been no intention of railroading it through. He did not want it to be brought abroad that there had been undue haste because that was incorrect. He had no objection, however, to the bill's being brought back to the committee of the whole.

Sumas Payments to Extend 48 Years

Property Owners, Displeased With Report of Agricultural Committee, to State Case

Forty-eight years to pay for the Sumas reclamation scheme, with easy payments during the first few years, is the essence of the report of the Agriculture Committee of the Legislature, arrived at after prolonged private conferences and conversations with representatives of the parties.

While the Government is understood to be quite in accord with the recommendation of the committee, the property owners are dissatisfied and it is expected that they will take steps



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Motors Rally; Rails Decline

Confused Price Movements Mark Stock Dealers—Industrials Gain on Strength

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—Confused price movements characterized today's stock market. Short covering operations brought about sharp rallies in a number of industrials, particularly in the motor group, while some of the recently strong spots in the rails dropped back on profit-taking.

American Can opened at 253, advanced to 254 and then broke to 252 on the traditional selling on the good news. The stock later snapped back to 253 but sold off again to 252 1/2 at the close. United States Steel common closed 1/2 lower at 133 1/2, and crucible, whose directors increased the dividend yesterday, closed only fractionally higher at 91 1/2.

Motors recovered some of the ground lost earlier in the week. The market showed a marked contraction in volume. Southern Railway, Lehigh Valley and Wabash preferred all mounted to new peak prices for the year.

Specialists in which favorable dividend or merger developments are reported to be pending were bid up in spirited fashion.

Call money renewed at 4 1/2 per cent, holding at that figure all day. Time money and commercial paper rates were unchanged.

Total sales were 1,959,000 shares. Unfinished buying of investment railroad funds buoyed up the bond market today, although price movements on the whole lacked uniformity.

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DAVID SPENCER, LIMITED
BEST QUALITIES Store Hours—9 A.M. to 6 P.M. Wednesday to 1 P.M. SUPERIOR VALUES

Silk Embroidered Crash Cushion Covers

These are made of heavy grade linen crash, very neatly silk embroidered, finished with cord edge or frilled; sizes 22 x 22 inches and 20 x 20 inches. Each..... **\$1.00 and \$1.50**
—Linen Section, Main Floor

Only Six More Shopping Days to Christmas

Our Great Stocks Allow You to Choose Your Gifts Satisfactorily

Sims' Famous Household Sweeping Brooms

Household 12 and 14-Inch Sweeping Brooms, made of horsehair and fibre, with screw handle. A dependable broom and great value today at, each..... **85c**
—Hardware, 2nd Floor



Finest Quality Gift Gloves

For Women—Fur-Lined and Novelty Styles
Reindeer Suede Gauntlet Gloves, seamless, wool lined, with fur cuff; a beautiful Glove in slip-on style, with elastic at the wrist. Perfect fitting. Shown in shades of slate grey or sable, and priced at, a pair..... **\$5.95**
Reindeer Suede Gauntlet Gloves in the popular slip-on style, with elastic at the wrist. This is an English-made Glove of high standard workmanship. Shown in slate grey or sable, and priced at, a pair..... **\$3.95**
Fur-Lined Cape Skin Gloves in the regulation wrist length, with one-dome strap fastener; these are fur-lined throughout, insuring real warmth and comfort. Special, a pair..... **\$4.50**
Fur-Lined Gauntlet Gloves, with a deep flare cuff, strap fastener, and fur-lined from cuff to finger tips; very desirable driving gloves. Special, a pair..... **\$6.50**
Wool-Lined Gloves, in Cape skin or suede finish, regulation wrist length, with one dome fastener. These are wool-lined throughout, offering every comfort. Shown in brown, grey or tan, and priced at, a pair..... **\$2.50**
—Gloves, Main Floor

Full Range of Children's Hosiery

Offers Great Choice for Christmas Giving



Children's Silk and Wool Socks, made in England; lovely quality, in cream only. Sizes 5 to 6 at..... **75c**
Sizes 6 1/2 to 8 at..... **85c**
Children's Spun Silk Socks, English make; very fine quality, in cream shade only. Sizes 4 1/2 to 8, and priced according to size at..... **\$1.00 and \$1.25**
Children's Three-Quarter-Length Golf Hose of 100 per cent pure wool, finest soft finish, with fancy turn-over tops and strongly reinforced feet. A Mercury product, shown in shades of grey, fawn and brown. Sizes 6 to 7 1/2, a pair..... **98c**
Sizes 8 to 10, a pair..... **\$1.25**
Children's All-Wool Cashmere Hose of good weight, seamless knit. A warm, serviceable Hose, in shades of black, brown, white and camel. Sizes 4 1/2 to 10, and priced according to size from, a pair..... **45c to \$1.00**
Boys' Three-Quarter-Length Golf Hose of 100 per cent pure wool, heavy quality, with fancy turn-over tops. The famous "Sportsman" brand, direct from the Wolsey mills. Shown in grey and heather mixtures. Sizes 7 1/2 to 10, a pair..... **\$1.25**
Children's Golf Hose in 4-and-1 rib, with fancy turn-over tops, in fine quality wool; direct from the English factory. Seamless knit, with spliced heels and toes. Shown in grey, brown, black and navy. Sizes 6 to 7 1/2, a pair..... **75c**
Sizes 8 to 10, a pair..... **98c**
—Hosiery, Main Floor

Children's Flannelette Wear

All Good Values Today

Girls' Fine Quality Flannelette Bloomers, with lace trimming at the knee. Sizes for 2 to 12 years. Special, a pair..... **65c**
White Flannelette Bloomers, with elastic at waist and knees. Sizes for 2 to 12 years, a pair..... **50c**
White Flannelette Gowns, with V or high necks and long sleeves. Sizes for 8 to 14 years. Special at..... **\$1.25**
Flannelette Sleepers in pink and blue, with nursery rhyme figures in different colors; made with feet and drop seat; very comfortable for children from 2 to 6 years. A suit..... **\$1.25**
Pajamas of nice quality white flannelette, trimmed with pink silk stitching and binding; fasten in front with two silk frogs; two-piece style, with elastic at waist of pants. Sizes for 6 to 16 years. A pair..... **\$1.75**
—Children's Wear, 1st Floor



Women's Silk Bloomers

For Christmas Gifts

Silk Bloomers, the well-known "Harvey-Nick" style, with pleated sides to insure a perfect fit. Shown in shades of black, white, pink, orchid, pansy, pinegrove, sunset, Kyoto and ashes of roses. Sizes 36 to 40 at..... **\$2.95**
Size 44 at..... **\$3.25**
Rayon Silk Bloomers in a full fashioned garment, well reinforced, in a good range of colors. Special at..... **\$2.95**
Harvey Synthetic Silk Bloomers, in all good shades; sizes 36 to 40. A pair..... **\$1.75 and \$1.95**
Kayser "Marvelfit" Bloomers in shades of pink, white and orchid; all sizes, ranging in price from **\$3.95 to \$4.95**
Kayser Silk Bloomers in good quality silk, in shades of white, pink and orchid. Special at..... **\$3.50 to \$4.50**
—Knit Underwear, 1st Floor

Ballet Dancing Slippers

In English, Canadian and American Makes

Just received, a shipment of English Dancing Sandals of excellent wearing quality; black kid with elastic ankle bands. Girls' sizes, 11 to 1, a pair..... **\$3.00**
Women's sizes, 2 to 7, a pair..... **\$3.50**
Packard's Best Quality Dancing Sandals—Child's sizes, 8 to 10, a pair..... **\$1.50**
Misses' sizes, 11 to 2, a pair..... **\$1.75**
Women's sizes, 2 1/2 to 7, a pair..... **\$2.00**
Toe Dancing Sandals, hard toes, in black kid, a pair..... **\$6.50**
and..... **\$6.00**
—Women's Shoes, 1st Floor

Christmas Gifts For the Littlest Member of the Family

Baby Snapshot Books, with dainty novelty cretonne covers. At..... **\$1.75**
Kewpie and Novelty Safety Pin Holders, in sky and pink. Each..... **\$1.00 to \$1.50**
Baby Brush and Comb Sets, all boxed ready for presentation; very dainty little sets; some prettily hand painted. Priced from **95c to \$3.25**
Baby Record Books with white silk moire covers, daintily hand painted. Each..... **\$1.25 to \$2.50**
Woolen Matinee Jackets of pure wool or silk and wool; a variety of cute little styles. Priced at **\$1.50, \$1.75, \$2.00 and \$2.50**
Quilted Silk Jackets in pretty shades of blue and pink, nicely made, finished with silk cord ties and tassels, some embroidered with dainty floral sprays. Each..... **\$1.95 and \$2.50**
—Infants' Wear, 1st Floor

Another Treat for the Kiddies of Victoria, Aged 4 to 12 Years

A PANTOMIME

Entitled "Jack and the Beanstalk, or The Ogre's Romance"

Two Performances, 2:30 and 4:15 P.M.

At the Royal Victoria Theatre, Tuesday, Dec. 22nd

We have made arrangements to entertain the children of Victoria, aged from 4 to 12 years, with this interesting pantomime on the above date. While this will be entirely a children's affair, small children, where it is necessary, may be accompanied by one parent.

Last year it was suggested to us we should make a small charge, giving the proceeds to a charitable institution, and this suggestion we are acting upon this season, and

A Charge of 10c Is Being Made for Tickets, the Proceeds to Be Given to Charity

Tickets may be obtained at the Pantomime Booking Desk, Second Floor, David Spencer, Limited, at 9:30 a.m., Friday, December 18th.

Tickets limited four to each family, and issued to adults only.

Indestructible Pearl Necklets

In Presentation Boxes

Indestructible Pearls in a Fine Lustrous Finish in Triple, Dual or Single Strings—Very Fine or Medium Graduate in Festoon Effects

16-Inch Fine Graduate Pearl Necklets, with fancy pearl clasps; very attractive for Christmas gifts. On sale at..... **\$1.25**
"Triple" Festoon Pearl Necklets, graduate style with semi-precious stone clasp. At..... **\$1.75**
30-Inch Graduate Pearl Necklets with sterling silver clasp. Wonderful value at..... **\$2.50**
Fine Quality Pearl Necklets, graduated style in assorted lengths with sterling silver safety clasps. On sale at..... **\$3.50**
Dual Festoon Pearl Necklets, graduate style with semi-precious stone clasps. Excellent value, **\$1.50**
Fine Graduate Pearl Necklets, with sterling silver clasps; 24 and 28-inch lengths..... **\$2.25**
22 and 30-Inch Fine Graduate Pearl Necklets with sterling silver safety clasp. At..... **\$2.95**
Seed Pearls, triple festoon style, exceptional quality pearls with a lovely lustrous finish..... **\$5.00 and \$6.25**
—Jewelry Counter, Main Floor



Christmas Gift Suggestions in the Art Needlework Section

Fruit Baskets, Wicker Trays and Fancy Baskets. Regular values to \$3.00. All to clear at, each..... **\$1.00**

Burnt Leather Goods, including cushions, purses, bags, pin holders, pen wipers, match holders, pipe racks, glove and handkerchief cases, photo albums. All at popular prices.
Hand-Embroidered Models, no two pieces alike, including cushions, buffet sets, bureau scarfs, tea cloths, children's dresses, bedspreads, rompers, centres, baby pillows and crib covers, step-ins, card table and mah jong table covers. All priced at less than cost.
—1st Floor

TABLE LINENS

Superb Quality—Choice Designs for Christmas Gifts

Pure Irish Linen Cloths in floral and conventional designs. Three sizes and exceptional values at **\$5.95, \$7.95, \$9.95**
Napkins to match, 22 x 22, a dozen..... **\$7.95**
Pure Irish Linen Cloths, all snow white, new designs, as well as the old favorites. Three sizes, each, **\$7.50, \$9.95 and \$12.50**
Napkins to match, 22 x 22 inches, a dozen..... **\$12.50**
Irish Embroidered Runners and Squares
Runners beautifully embroidered, on high-grade fabric, with hemstitched or scalloped edge; size 17 x 50 inches. At, each..... **75c and \$1.00**
Squares, beautifully embroidered, with hemstitched and scalloped edge; two sizes, Special, each, **75c, \$1.00 and \$1.50**
Lace Runners and Squares Very Pretty
Lace Trimmed Runners in a wide range of designs, 17 x 45 inches. Great value at, each, **50c, 75c, \$1.00, \$1.25, \$1.75 and \$2.25**
Lace Trimmed Squares, shown in a complete range of styles, 30 x 30 inches, and great value at, each..... **75c and \$1.00**
—Linen, Main Floor

100 Large Size All-Copper Boilers

Regular Price \$6.50; On Sale Today, Each

\$2.98

100 Copper Boilers, large size, medium gauge. These will be sold to early morning shoppers and will go rapidly. Many were disappointed in securing one at our last sale, therefore come early and secure yours. No. 90 all-copper Boilers. Regular price, \$6.50. On sale, each..... **\$2.98**
—Hardware, Lower Main Floor



Christmas Over-Blouses \$7.95

Best Quality Spun Silk Over-Blouses, with plain hem at bottom, long sleeves with link cuffs, two neat little pockets at bottom, and smart fitting collars finished with black silk bow. Smartly tailored blouses, very popular for present wear. Sizes 36 to 44. Exceptional value at..... **\$7.95**
—Blouses, 1st Floor

Panty Dresses For Babies \$2.75

Cute Little Panty Dresses in nice quality crepe. The dresses are smocked across the yoke and panties have elastic at waist and knees; shown in white, pink, blue and apricot. Sizes for 1 to 2 years. Priced at..... **\$2.75**
—Infants' Wear, 1st Floor

Dressing Gowns and Smoking Jackets for Men Gifts That Satisfy

Dressing Gowns of silk and wool; shown in attractive patterns and colorings, with fancy collars and cuffs, or with roll collars. They are shown in fawns, lavats, browns, grey and fancy checks; all sizes. Priced at **\$7.95, \$10.00, \$15.00 and to \$25.00**

A large selection of Men's Smoking Jackets, Canadian or English makes. They have fancy collars and cuffs, and in plain or fancy shades. Very stylish in appearance. A full selection to choose from at **\$8.50, \$10.00 and \$15.00**
—Men's Clothing, Main Floor

Down-Filled Comforters

Two Special Values for Christmas Gift Buyers

Full Size Down-Filled Comforters, covered with down-proof cambrics in beautiful floral and Paisley designs, on rose, blue, green and black grounds, and beautifully panelled in self colors. Each, **\$7.75**

Comforters filled with pure down and covered with high grade saten in floral designs. They are panelled in satin in contrasting shades and fully ventilated. Great value at, each..... **\$12.75**
—Staple Dept., Main Floor

Smokers' Stands Each, \$1.75

Smokers' Ash and Cigar Stands—finished in extruscan; about three feet high and may be taken apart for mailing. On sale, each..... **\$1.75**
—Hardware, Lower Main Floor

Women's and Misses' Chappie Coats

For Skating, Hiking and Motoring. Make Very Acceptable Christmas Gifts

Brushed Wool Chappie Coats, with small collar that fastens high at the neck, three buttons at bottom, and two pockets. Splendid value at..... **\$3.75**

Fine Grade Brushed Wool Chappie Coats, with best "Bobbie" collars and two pockets; finished with one button at the collar and two at the bottom; shown in white only. Each..... **\$4.95**

Plain Knit Chappie Coats with stripes of contrasting color down front and around bottom, fastening at bottom and collar. Each..... **\$5.75**

Very Good Quality Brushed Wool Chappie Coats in pretty all-over stripe effect in nice soft shades. Good assortment to choose from. Each..... **\$6.75**
—Sweaters, 1st Floor



A Nice Woolly SWEATER SET

For a Little Boy's or Girl's Christmas Gift

Woolen Sets for children, consisting of coat sweater with turn-down collar fastening high at the neck, overall gaiters with ankle strap, and smart little toque with pompon on top; shown in jade green trimmed with putty and grey trimmed with blue. Sizes for 2 to 5 years..... **\$5.75**

In brushed wool, a set..... **\$4.95**
In plain knit, a set..... **\$4.95**
—Children's Wear, 1st Floor



Exceptional Values in

Women's Oxfords at \$5.00

Women's "Invictus" Oxfords of tan or gunmetal calf, sturdy oak tanned and welted soles, on smart fitting lasts. Shown in Blucher cut, with low heel, particularly suitable for the bigger girls, and in plain Oxford style with millitary heels. Both styles, a pair..... **\$5.00**
—Women's Shoes, 1st Floor

All-Wool Auto Rugs

Imported Makes—Big Values

All-Wool Auto or Travelling Rugs, made in Ireland; shown in fancy checks with fringed ends; good weight. Special, each..... **\$5.95**
High-Grade All-Wool Auto Rugs, imported, patterned in Scotch tartan and fancy checks. Priced from..... **\$8.75 to \$16.75**
—Men's Furnishings, Main Floor



Gifts That Men Appreciate

Men's Solid Leather or Suede Belts, brown, black or grey, with initial or plain buckles; put up in individual boxes. Each..... **75c to \$1.25**
Belt Chains, in nickel finish. Special, each..... **50c**
Pearl Dress Sets, put up in fancy boxes..... **\$2.75 and \$3.75**
Van Heusen "Kant Krease" Soft Collars, suitable for gifts. We stock various shapes. Each..... **50c**
Men's Soft Collars, Tooke and "Kant Krease" shapes; a large stock. Each..... **35c**
or..... **3 for 50c**
A large variety of Fancy Leather Collar Cases at Popular Prices.
—Men's Furnishings, Main Floor

Walking Canes for Ladies or Gentlemen, 75c to \$3.75

Ladies' and Gentlemen's Walking Canes in a large selection of styles and woods. Some excellent values, **75c to \$3.75**
—Men's Furnishings, Main Floor

Navy and Scarlet Flannel Middies For Girls' School Wear \$2.75

Regulation Style Middies in nice quality, navy and scarlet flannel, with braid trimmings, long sleeves; sizes for 6 to 14 years. Special, each..... **\$2.75**
—Children's Wear, 1st Floor